

Issues in Homeland discussed

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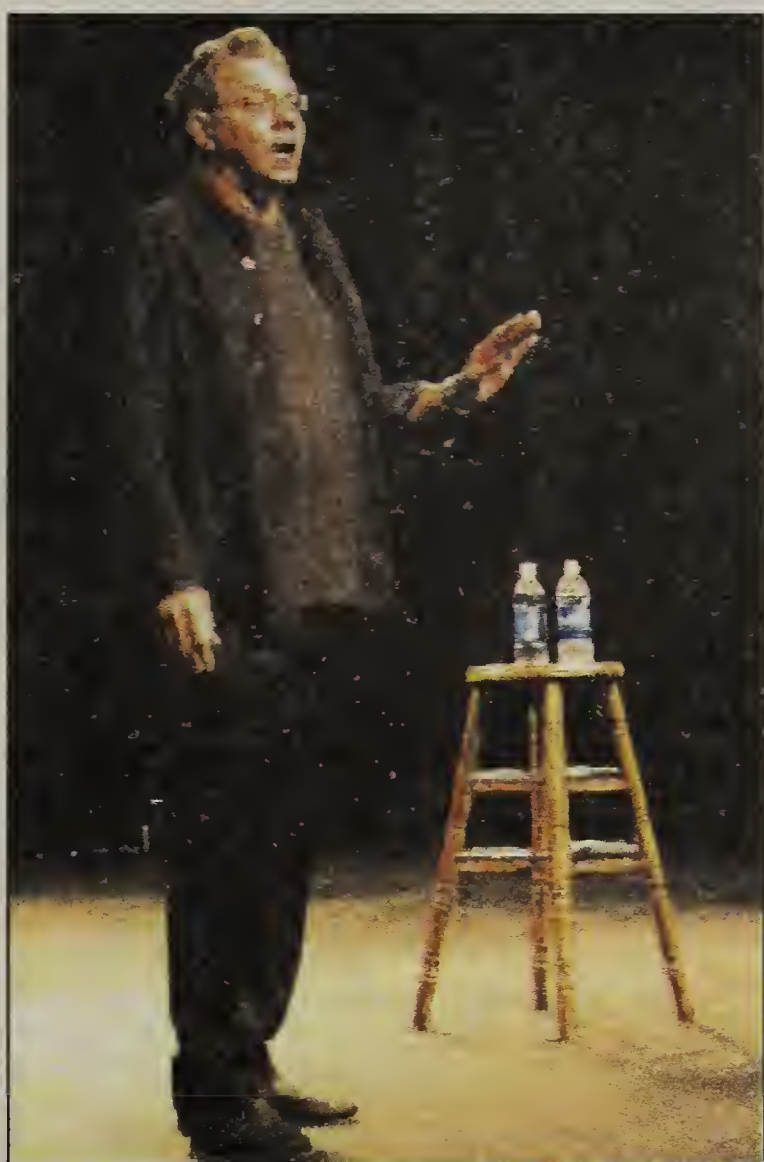
At last Tuesday's Homeland Board meeting, tensions between homeowners and landlords within the community erupted over the issue of student tenants.

Loyola students are a major source of income for landlords who rent out apartments within the community but seen as a burden by some residents who live in the community and don't necessarily share the same lifestyle as the students.

The most recent conflicts between the students and the community have occurred over the issue of gate access. Last semester, the community provided students who live in the community with keys to the gate that separates Homeland from Notre Dame Lane. Previously, the gate was left unlocked during the hours when there was a guard on duty.

Despite the fact that students who live in the community have keys, holes are still being cut in the fence for easier access

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ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Lewis Black performs in front of an audience of Loyola students last Friday night in Reitz Arena. Black's routine included his trademark mix of angry rants and political commentary as well as material tailored to Loyola students, which left students laughing throughout his hour and a half set.

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Crossett removed as SGA president

By PETE DAVIS
Editor in Chief

Kelly Crossett was officially removed from her position as Student Government Association president on Monday, Feb. 21, 2005 by Student Life. Her removal was in conjunction with the sanctions she received for hosting a party in her room where underage student drinking was taking place on Saturday, Jan. 29. The vice president, Blair Puscas, assumed the role of SGA president after Crossett's removal.

Crossett became aware of the college's final decision on Monday, Feb. 21, when she received a letter from the College Board on Discipline informing her that she could no longer continue her duties as SGA president.

"I was very hurt; I was very upset; I was disappointed,"

Crossett said. "While I disagree with their decision, I respect Student Life's right to make that decision, and I respect the process that it went through."

SGA ELECTIONS

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Student Life took statements from Crossett and her roommates the week after the party and came to a decision on her sanctions on Friday, Feb. 11, according to

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FILE PHOTO

Kelly Crossett (left) and Blair Puscas campaign during their presidential campaign last spring. With Crossett removed, Puscas will take over the roles of the SGA president.

College given chance to influence search process

By CHRISTINA SANTUCCI
Managing Editor

After a full day of meetings with Loyola College administration, faculty, students and staff last Tuesday, members of the presidential search committee will meet again today to discuss the input they received and decide their next move in their process to find a college president.

"We will certainly be talking about on Tuesday what happened this past Tuesday," said the Rev. Kevin Gillespie, S.J., who serves as the representative for the graduate programs on the search committee. "For us our job now is to take that input and run with it."

Beginning at 10 a.m. last Tuesday, members of the

presidential search committee held open meetings with administration, the Loyola Conference, faculty and students respectively. Each group was asked to discuss two components of the search: What are the qualities the community members would want in a new president, and what key issues will the new president be faced with.

"It was a real privilege to hear the Loyola community in four different venues. If you will, we got a sampling of the community," Gillespie said.

At the Loyola Conference meeting, administration, faculty, staff and students were all in attendance with additional input from members of the Columbia and Timonium campus via satellite.

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WLOY show invites controversy

By JOHN DOUGHERTY
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Feb. 20, "The Gender Spot" debuted on WLOY radio. The show, hosted by seniors Lauren Murphy and Matt McGrath, explores gender differences and relationships at Loyola. "The Gender Spot" is expected to raise some controversy, the hosts said, considering its mature subject matter.

"It's about gender differences and relationship type things," said

Murphy, who is also WLOY's promotions manager. "Our main goal is to explore gender differences on Loyola's campus." McGrath said that Loyola in particular provides a wealth of material.

"It's like a little country club. No one else in the world is like the people at Loyola. It's a campus full of characters," he said. "We want to focus on the quirks that are specific to Loyola relationships."

McGrath went on to say that Loyola students can be immature regarding gender relationships

and that he and Murphy hope to discuss these issues in a realistic way. This, however, is where the show begins to raise eyebrows.

"There's a line we can't cross," Murphy said. "There's certain words that you can't say on the radio, so we need to use euphemisms and innuendoes." She cited FCC regulations and the fact that Loyola is a Jesuit Catholic institution.

"We want to get as close to the line as possible, though," McGrath said. "We feel restricted because we can't express these things realistically, but we're trying to make the best of it."

"And if you start crossing the line and getting in trouble for it, at least you know people are listening," he said.

The hosts also said that discussing gender relations can be a prickly topic all its own. "My attitude probably came off as kind of chauvinistic," McGrath said, referring to "The Gender Spot's" first show.

At this stage, the hosts say that there is no formal opposition to the show, although they expect that they may run up against the

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CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Hosts Matt McGrath, '05, and Lauren Murphy '05, answer instant messages from listeners as they discuss topics such as the differences between students at Loyola and other Baltimore colleges. The show is one of the most listened-to on the station.

Health-care costs expected to soar over next decade

By TONY PUGH
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U.S. health-care spending will outpace overall inflation and wage growth over the next 10 years, making medical care harder for the government, employers, workers and uninsured Americans to afford.

The increases apply to federal spending and to private spending on health insurance premiums, the latter of which will grow faster than disposable income in each year through 2014, according to new projections released Wednesday by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Although the long-term national health spending growth rate will slow a bit compared with recent years, more low-income workers are likely to forgo job-based health care because it's too expensive, several analysts said.

The new figures, which show the government picking up nearly half of total health-care spending by 2014, also suggest that Medicare and Medicaid are far more immediate cost concerns for federal policymakers than Social Security.

"It is absolutely clear that as costs increase, more low-wage people will become uninsured," said David Cutler, an economics professor at Harvard University and an expert in health-care finance.

"This is going to lead to continued erosion of health insurance coverage," said economist Paul Ginsburg, president of The Center for Studying Health System Change, a nonpartisan health-research group in Washington. Rather than pay rising

insurance premiums, he said, "low-income workers would just as soon have the money because they can't afford to spend so much of their income on health care."

The annual Medicare-Medicaid report found that public and private spending for health care will total \$3.6 trillion by 2014 -- about \$11,045 per person -- and eat up a record 19 percent of

gross domestic product. That's up from a projected \$1.9 trillion in 2005 that will likely account for 15.4 percent of annual GDP and average \$6,423 per person. The government will fund 49 percent of all health spending in the United States by 2014 -- a record share -- due largely to the new Medicare prescription drug benefit.

The pinch of rising health-care costs, along with recent federal tax cuts and the growing national budget deficit, shows up indirectly in President Bush's proposed 2006



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Thousands of people gather at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, for a demonstration on jobs, universal health care and an end to the war in Iraq.

domestic spending cuts for transportation, education, community development and natural resources.

The number of uninsured Americans jumped by 5 million to 45 million during Bush's first term, due mainly to a sour economy and cuts in the Medicaid program.

Bush hopes to offset growth in the uninsured population by expanding Medicaid coverage, said Health and Human Services Department spokesman Bill Pierce. That can be done at no extra cost if states are given the flexibility to change or offer less-generous Medicaid benefits without federal approval, Pierce said. Congress has yet to give Bush that authority.

Bush also would provide poor families with annual tax credits of \$1,000 to help purchase private health care.

That falls so far short from the actual cost of family coverage -- about \$10,000 a year -- that few poor families are likely to take Bush up on it, said Ginsburg.

Enrollment in employer-sponsored health plans also declined by nearly 1 percent in

2001, 2002 and 2003, the most current data available. That reflects health-care costs that have outpaced wage growth.

While employer-sponsored plans are projected to cover more people in the next decade, the percentage of Americans covered under those plans will continue to fall, said Stephen Heffler, the study's lead author and director of the National Health Statistics Group at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Other key findings:

-Medicare spending will jump from \$332 billion in 2005 to \$425 billion in 2006 when the new prescription-drug benefit begins. Discounts negotiated by insurers are expected to average about 15 percent in the first year and to peak at 25 percent in 2011.

-Total prescription-drug spending will grow 11.6 percent in 2006 to \$249 billion.

-Medicaid spending in 2004 -- which hasn't yet been calculated -- is projected to increase to \$290 billion from \$269 billion in 2003. By 2014, Medicaid spending is expected to hit \$618 billion.

Department searches for new director

Director of Alumni Relations Mark Bowden left his position earlier this semester, and a search for his replacement is currently underway within the department.

"Brian is changing career direction," said Michael Goff, the vice president for Development and College Relations. "This has been planned for some months and was announced about a month ago."

Bowden was in charge of managing alumni events, such as the annual Bull and Oyster Roast and other alumni events. His position did not include fund-raising from alumni.

Currently, a small staff is managing the responsibilities that were previously assigned to Bowden.

Loyola has been searching for a replacement for Bowden for about a month and is looking for someone with experience in alumni relations.

"The search is underway this spring. By summertime we will have a replacement found," Goff said.

Kass to return to campus

Leon Kass will deliver the annual Jerome S. Cardin Memorial Lecture on Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the 4th Floor Programming Room. The lecture is titled "The Beginning of Wisdom: Reading Genesis."

Dr. Kass was appointed chairman of the President's Council on Bioethics in 2001 by President George W. Bush. He has been engaged in the ethical and philosophical issues raised by biomedical advance and with broader moral and cultural issues.

Kass visited campus in 2003 to discuss "Brave New Biology: Challenge

for Human Dignity" for the Humanities Symposium on *Brave New World*.

Spectrum brings keynote speaker

Writer and editor Judy Wieder will deliver a the keynote address of Sexual Diversity Awareness Week on Wed., March 16.

Wieder is the corporate editorial director and former editor in chief of *The Advocate*, a gay and lesbian newsmagazine.

Her talk will be titled "The Changing the Image of Gay: How Pop Culture and Media Have Influenced America's Perceptions of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans-Gendered (GLBT) Individuals," and will discuss how the media portrayal of GLBT individuals influences our perception of them.



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Campus Police Blotter

Selected excerpts from reports

Friday, Feb. 18

Campus police responded to Bellarmine Hall for a noise complaint. They found a room with music that was loud and disturbing. Campus police knocked on the door and the occupants looked out the peephole and whispered to others in the room to hide containers. Campus police knocked on the door again with no answer. When they knocked a third time the door was opened, and the officers entered the room to find seven occupants in the room with open containers of Bud Light beer. Thirty cans of Bud Light were found in the kitchen inside of a carton.

Sunday, Feb. 20

While conducting a routine interior patrol of the Humanities Building, campus police found a wall with a hole in it. The wall is in the vending area. Someone appears to have braced themselves against the wall while rocking the juice vending machine. At this time there are no suspects.

Campus police were making rounds in Campion Towers when they came upon noise coming from a room. As they approached the room the door was slammed shut. Officers knocked on the door, and it was answered on the second time. The officers saw Bud Light cans in the room and smelled marijuana coming from the rear, center and right bedrooms. Campus police made everyone in the room come out and sit in the living room. They searched the room and found suspected marijuana, a wooden pipe, a glass pipe with a clear round ball-like glass object and rolling paper. They also found 56 unopened cans of Bud Light, 57 empty cans, one liter of vodka, two liters of Black Russians rum and one bottle of Puerto Rican rum.

SGA prepares for elections amidst turmoil

By **BLAKE CALLAHAN**
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Tomorrow, candidates for every position will be announcing their bids for the upcoming SGA elections.

According to Kristin Rezzetano, director of student affairs, elections will be held on Blackboard from midnight on March 22 until 6 p.m. on the 23rd, the same way they been run the past few years. The winners will be announced on the evening of March 23. Students will be voting for a school president and vice president who will run on the same ticket and their class presidents.

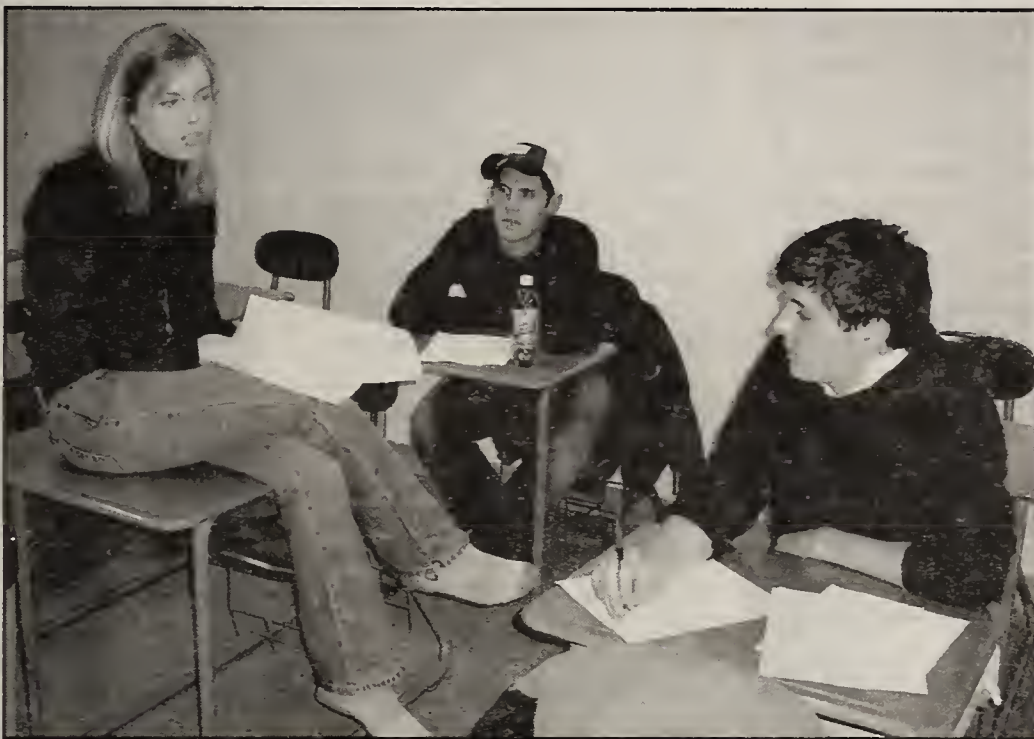
"A lot of social issues may come up during the elections, especially after not having the fall concert this year and it being the second year in a row where the president has had to remove themselves from the position," said Mark Broderick, director of Student Activities. He believes that issues such as school spirit and conduct will be key factors in deciding the elections.

"I think it is possible that the recent issues surrounding the SGA will increase student interest in the elections," said John McNamara, who will be running for SGA president.

"Over the last couple years, the student body feels that the student government has lost credibility. After what happened to me, Myke and Kelly, student leaders need to recognize that they are under the microscope 24/7," said Andy Grillo, a current assembly member who will be running for the position of senior class president.

"The last few years have been turbulent at best for SGA, and the challenge will be to deliver what the students want with as little controversy as possible," said Blair Puscas, who will serve as SGA president for the rest of the spring semester.

Puscas is unsure of his SGA plans for



ALEXANDRIA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Kristin Rezzetano, '05, the director of student affairs, instructs prospective SGA members Bill Fusco '08, who is running for sophomore class president, and Ryan Nolan '07, in the requirements to run for office.

next year.

"Most likely I will be running for assembly, as I hope to apply to Paris in the spring," he said.

Current junior class president Gary Lamsback said that he is not sure what he will be doing next year, despite rumors that he was planning on running for SGA president.

"With everything that's going on right now I'm not sure what I'll be doing," he said. "I certainly considered running. I can guarantee you that I'll be involved somehow, I have to sit down and decide how I'm going to be involved."

He said that the recent events within the SGA didn't impact his decision.

In last year's elections, the votes were

almost disputed, but this year, changes are being made to ensure the credibility of the elections. According to Rezzetano, an all-senior elections committee has been created, and is in the process of revising the election rules to prevent any discrepancies regarding the campaign process.

This year, the candidates will be required to attend a meeting with Rezzetano prior to the beginning of the campaign, during which the candidate will review the rules with her. Upon review of the rules, Rezzetano said the candidates "will sign a document that verifies they have reviewed the rules

and are committed to abiding by those rules."

"Any and all suspected violations of the rules will result in review by the elections committee, and immediate removal from the race, if deemed guilty of a violation," she said.

"I hope to bring a level of organization and vision that will better elicit the many talents of all our individual members," McNamara said. He said that the SGA, like the student body as a whole, has not often worked to its full potential. He hopes that he can bring a new perspective to the SGA if he is elected.

"Whoever runs in the election is going to have to accept the fact that if they obtain the position they are running for, they are going to be held to a higher standard, especially after what has happened the past two years," Grillo said.

Regardless of the issues, many of the candidates' first priority is making sure everyone votes.

"Everyone is important; in the past, the turnout from the junior class has been lower because of the people being abroad, so it's really important for the students abroad to vote," Rezzetano said.

However, according to McNamara, the freshman class decided the elections last year and will do so again this year.

"Their class has already demonstrated a tremendous desire to be involved on this campus, and I have no doubt that their voter turnout will reflect that spirit," McNamara said. "A close race with significant voter turnout would be nice because it is usually indicative of a student body that is interested and excited to be here."

Puscas assumes power

By **PETE DAVIS**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With the removal of Kelly Crossett as SGA President, sophomore Blair Puscas took over as president beginning on Monday, Feb. 21, following the guidelines set forth in the SGA constitution. Puscas will serve as president for the remainder of the semester until the new SGA officers officially begin their duties.



FILE PHOTO

SGA Vice President Blair Puscas, pictured here while campaigning during last year's elections, will take over the role of president for the remainder of the semester.

"I told [Crossett] from when this story broke that I ran as the VP and I wouldn't have run if I didn't understand that there was the possibility of me having to take over the position as president," Puscas said.

The two met the night that Crossett

received word from the College Board on Discipline (Monday, Feb. 21) and discussed the situation and what needed to be done. They immediately scheduled a meeting with the SGA Executive Cabinet the next day and informed the Assembly representatives two days later. That same day, Puscas and Crossett informed the student body of the changes in SGA leadership.

"That was from Blair, because Blair is the president, and he needed to address his constituents," Crossett said.

Crossett expressed confidence in Puscas' ability to take over the position.

"He is hard-working. He is intelligent, and I think one thing he does better than I do sometimes is he is much more colloquial," she said. "I think that his ability to really talk to students as a fellow student is excellent. I think that is his biggest strength and something he will utilize to his advantage."

Puscas plans on continuing the projects that the SGA has already started planning, specifically focusing on Loyolapalooza, a possible spring concert series and Battle of the Bands. He also plans to continue to work on forums that focus on academics and diversity.

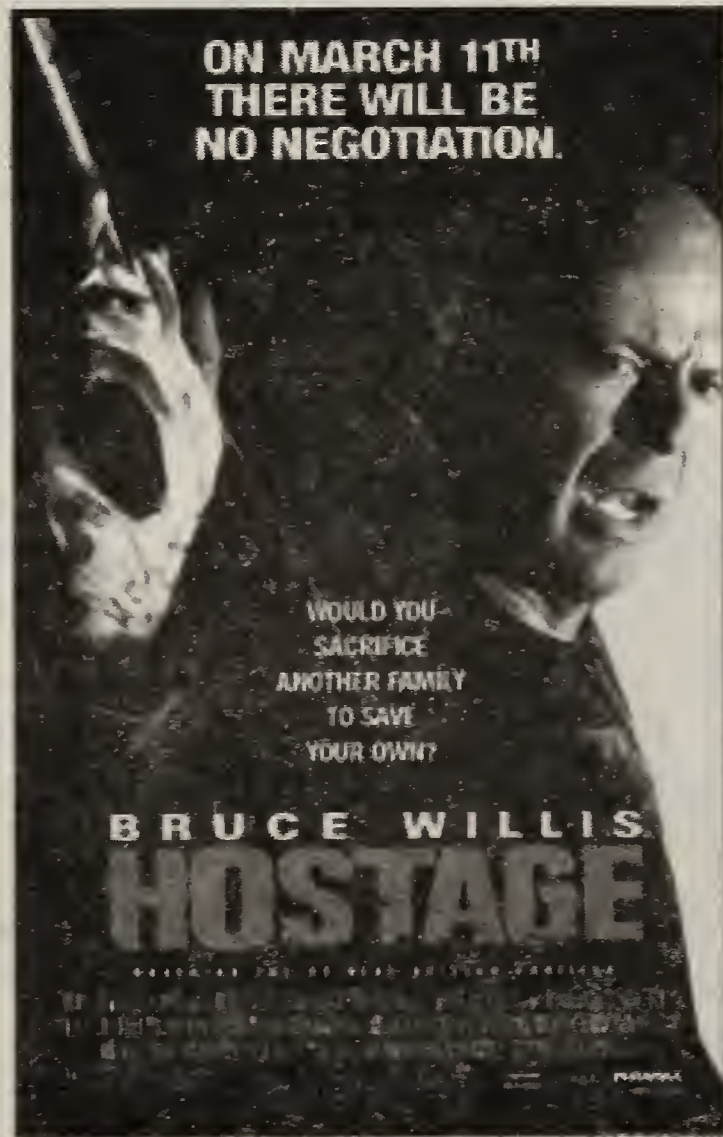
"[We want to] keep the ball rolling, continue everything we were doing and not let it get in the way too much," Puscas said.

Puscas said that because of the short amount of time left in the semester, he does not expect the vice president position to be filled, but the issue has not been discussed yet.

"Yes, it is more responsibility, but I feel like I can handle it, and I feel like I will be able to accomplish the things we set up to do at the beginning of the year," Puscas said.

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IN THEATRES FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH

Author to speak tonight

By MARY BETH ELLIS
STAFF WRITER

Tonight, best-selling author, writer, and poet, Kathleen Norris will be delivering the 21st Annual Sister Cleophas Lecture sponsored by the Center for Humanities, the Catholic Studies Program and the Mt. Saint Agnes College Alumnae Association.

The lecture, titled "Dakota and Beyond: What's the Use of Memoir?" will be held in McGuire Hall tonight at 8 p.m. Norris will discuss how faith informs our storytelling, spiritual autobiography and confessional narratives.

"In respects to spiritual journey, literally and theologically, this lecture provides a very intriguing perspective," said Paul Bagley, co-director of the Catholic Studies Program.

Norris is a New York Times best-selling author. She wrote the bestsellers *The Cloister Walk*, *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*, *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*, and her newest book is *The Virgin of Bennington*. In addition, Norris has published seven poetry books.

Norris spent most of her childhood summers in Lemmon,

S.D. with her grandparents. She attended college at Bennington in Vermont. Norris then worked as an arts administrator at the Academy of American Poets in New York City before returning to South Dakota.

Norris was picked to speak at the Sister Cleophas Lecture because of the faith that runs through her writing.

"She has always been a spiritual woman," said Jennifer Padgett, assistant director of Alumni Relations.

"Most of her writings are religious memoirs."

When she joined her grandparents' Presbyterian Church, she would fill-in when the parish was in-between pastors because she was good with words, Padgett said.

Norris uses her life experiences as inspiration for her writings. When she moved back to her grandparents' house in South



KATHLEEN
NORRIS

Dakota, she was inspired to write her best-seller, *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*, which she will discuss at the lecture.

The Sister Cleophas Lecture was started as a means to incorporate Mt. Saint Agnes Alumni into the Loyola Community after the two colleges merged. Sister Mary Cleophas Costello was a genuine Christian person recognized for her literary scholarship, teaching and administrative abilities, and her pianist and vocalist talents.

Peggy Benner of the Mt. Saint Agnes Alumnae Board has been organizing the Sr. Cleophas Lecture along with other board members.

"Every year the board picks woman that they feel meet the ideals that Sister Cleophas espoused, which are scholarship, leadership, artistic ability, elegance and respectability," Benner said.

In the past, a few of the inspiring women lecturers have included Amy Tan, Maya Angelou and Mary Chapin-Carpenter.

Benner and the Mt. Saint Agnes Alumnae Board are expecting a very good turnout this year because Norris is such a respected person in many fields.

The lecture is free for Loyola students and faculty.



LORI MAGDA/GREYHOUND

Stephanie Borris of the Belles performs at last Tuesday's Spring Break Outreach benefit concert. The Chimes also performed in the concert, which was held in McGuire Hall and used to raise money for the annual SBO outreach program.

Crossett to remain involved with SGA

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Crossett.

"Any sanctions that would be given to a student are made by either a single judicial officer or a panel, which is a group," said Leonard Brown, director of Student Life.

"It often includes my staff but often administration faculty and staff and students serve on these panels," he said.

Brown said he could not discuss Crossett's case specifically because of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act which states that certain records are confidential and cannot be disclosed by the college because they are part of a student's educational record.

"I have worked very hard for this school since I was a freshman, and I was very upset with that decision," Crossett said.

After Crossett and her roommates received the decision from Student Life, they chose to appeal the sanctions, and the case was sent to the College Board on Discipline for review. The board heard their appeal and upheld the sanctions that Student Life originally handed out, requiring Crossett to give up her position as SGA President.

"It is a process that our school has, and it is the same process that any student would have gone through, and I respect that very much," she said.

According to an e-mail Puscas sent out to the student body last Thursday informing them about Student Life's decision to remove Crossett, he stated that sanctions, which included social probation, played a factor in the decision.

Loyola's Community Standards Handbook states that "a record of disciplinary sanctions may impact a student's ability to be a resident

assistant, student government officer, orientation leader, judicial board member, etc."

Crossett stated that she still has not been able to get a specific answer from Student Life as to why she was removed from her position.

"I haven't been able to get a clear answer to be quite honest," Crossett said. "They repeatedly have used the word precedent, and they were very concerned about the college community in general and the student body and how this looks for them."

While Crossett will no longer serve as SGA president, she plans on remaining active in the SGA, serving as an adviser to the organization for the remainder of the academic year and helping Puscas during his transition from vice president to president.

Puscas has also invited her to attend all of the Executive Cabinet meetings for the rest of the semester, and Crossett said she will continue to attend the Assembly meetings.

"I've worked too hard, and I owe it to the student body too much," Crossett said. "They elected me, and I will continue to work very hard for them because I want to and because they deserve it."

SGA elections for next year's president and vice president as well as class presidents will take place on March 22 and 23, and the new officers will be sworn into their positions at the Maryland Day celebration.

However, the current SGA administration will be in charge of planning events and making decisions until the end of the academic year.

"There is nothing that we're going to be doing that we haven't thought about already or planned for," Puscas said.

Hosts encourage participation

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school's Jesuit population.

"The Gender Spot" operates on a loose format, but it is primarily a call-in show.

"We want to bring several discussion points for the night, comment and hopefully start a debate," McGrath said.

Murphy said that there are numerous ways for listeners to contact the show. "People can call in, and they can IM us from the WLOY site," she said.

Murphy said that "The Gender Spot's" inaugural show had the most listeners of any show that week. "We've heard that more people have been listening

through TV than on the radio, as well," she said.

However, Murphy said that the show got off to a rocky start.

"The beginning was rough," she said.

McGrath identified a lack of planning as the main problem.

"We should have planned a lot more. This week's will be more structured. I think last week we came off more immature than anything else."

Both hosts hope that as the show continues there will be more listener participation.

"The Gender Spot" has its origins in a show that Murphy co-hosted last year, "Love Lines."

"It was pretty much the same thing, from a female perspective," she said.

The show was very successful, and Murphy wanted to do a similar program this year. "Matt's one of my good friends, so I started talking to him about doing a show like that."

"We took the success of the original show and the success of me being a great kid and put them together," McGrath said. "The thing with radio is that you need something that appeals to everyone. We wanted to take those Saturday morning conversations that you have with your friends after being out all night and turn that into a show because that's something a lot of people will relate to."

Both hosts say that they have their share of personal experiences as qualification.

"We have experiences, that's all we can tell," Murphy said.

While one of the primary purposes of the show is entertainment, McGrath and Murphy hope that listeners will also gain some valuable insight from the discussions.

"Not much changes around here," Murphy said. "Something that's happened to us will most likely happen to someone else before they're a senior."

"The stuff we're talking about is a moot point for the seniors," McGrath added, "but hopefully the underclassmen will gain something from it."

"The Gender Spot" airs every Sunday night from 7 to 9 p.m. on WLOY radio (1620 AM), and WLOY TV 50. Information on how to call in can be found at the WLOY Web site.



ALEXANDRIA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Last Monday, nationally-known speaker Paul Chabot gave a presentation entitled "Up In Smoke: Marijuana Myths," in which he spoke about common misconceptions about marijuana and his own personal experiences with substance abuse.

New neighborhood agreement in works

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between the two communities, and residents see this as a security problem.

"We have spent a lot of money trying to wall this community off from the outside world. And it's not working, and the reason it's not working is because the students break it," said one resident who was present at the meeting. "As long as we have any students here, we will have them assaulting the fence."

Neither Loyola nor Homeland has caught the person or people who cut the most recent hole.

"Recently we did get word that another hole in the fence had been cut," said Joan Flynn, the special assistant to the vice president of administration. "I have no way of knowing who did that, so I'm not about to point a finger."

Search to commence soon

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Although answers to the questions varied in each meeting, there was a strong desire expressed by participants -- especially in the faculty and student group sessions -- to find a new president who embodies the Jesuit ideals.

"It is the next president of Loyola College in Maryland who must communicate a mission of the Jesuit identity ... and a president who is committed to that and is willing to articulate this publicly will do well to serve our college community," said Dr. Paul Bagley, associate faculty member of philosophy.

The students who attended the meeting with search committee members also expressed a similar devotion to find a leader that exemplifies the Jesuit mission, but their comments also resonated with a strong sense of grief over the recent loss of the Rev. Harold Ridley, S.J.

"I was particularly struck by the students who so often came back to Fr. Ridley who they thought embodied [the Jesuit ideals] for them," Gillespie said. "It was quite inspiring to hear the love that the students had for [Ridley]."

Students said that they hoped the search committee would choose a president who was approachable like Ridley but could also handle a varied list of responsibilities while remaining visible on campus.

"As seniors we have to balance so many different parts of our lives ... Fr. Ridley did an excellent job to set those standards of balancing," said senior Rob Martinello.

Several of the groups also discussed the need to diversify the campus racially, ethically, economically and geographically.

"The biggest goal I see for an incoming

Despite the fact that a camera was installed to watch the gate, Loyola officials have been unable to identify the culprit(s) most likely because the incident occurred at night, when any person involved would be less identifiable.

Most residents at the meeting said that it wasn't just the issue of the gate, but deeper problems of property value and quality of life that made them object to the number of students in the community.

"The biggest issue is the value of the property and the change in that value as a result of having so many students who don't have the same concerns that we do," said Paula Murphy, a Homeland resident, at the meeting.

"I would say that [we get complaints] about a couple of times a month ... They tend to be from the same handful of

president is to change the process of how we recruit students," said history professor Dr. Katherine Brennan during the meeting with the Loyola Conference.

Conference attendees also discussed fund raising, the Strategic Plan, service initiatives and community relations, all of which they said should be re-evaluated before the installation of a new president.

But whether the next president should continue the mission that Ridley had established during his tenure was not entirely agreed upon by the two groups.

"I have a problem with locking our new president into our previous president's dream," said Dr. Carol Abromitis, English professor.

Students spoke more about the continuation of Ridley's vision.

"I would hope that [the new president] would have Fr. Ridley's vision for the college ... to be one of the best institutions on this coast," said Jen Zimmerman, sophomore and SGA director of communications.

"The next president we can expect will have the same ideals [as Ridley] but a different way of expressing them," Gillespie said. "Part of the [search] process is not just moving towards a new president but moving towards a new Loyola College."

Gillespie said that the search committee will discuss the suggestions made during the meetings last Tuesday but finding a president who with all of the characteristics requested would be impossible.

"There are people out there -- Jesuits -- who meet many of the standards requested, but no human being fits them all," Gillespie said. "At the same time all of the issues presented will be the responsibility of the new president to listen to."

residents," Flynn said. "If they're valid, then I usually contact Student Life, and they begin the judicial process."

Flynn said that occasionally students will also complain about the way they are being treated by their neighbors.

"We will get some students who feel like they're not being treated fairly from the neighbors. We want to make sure that the students are treated as fairly as possible," she said.

Rob Patterson, another resident who was present at the meeting, said that the differences between the students and the residents were not the direct fault of either side, but due to the fact that the two groups have very different lifestyles that sometimes come into conflict. He nonetheless agreed that his property values were not as high as they should be, mostly because of the large numbers of students who live in the community.

Residents said that because more students reside in an apartment, often with two to a bedroom, utilities are overused. The infrastructure of the buildings can't handle the overpopulation, said Sally Stanley, a Homeland resident, after the meeting.

Most of the residents agreed that it isn't the students themselves, but the fact that so many of them are allowed to live in the community that is the problem.

According to Student Life, about 83 Loyola students currently reside in Homeland.

"I don't have the peace and quiet that I had when I moved in, and it's because they're doing what children do. They have a right to do it, but not here," Murphy said. "They're very lovely young people, but

they're doing what they do."

"The problem is kids and too many, and how to solve that. And the question is how to do that legally," said Tim Casgar, a member of the board, who resides in Homeland.

Loyola currently has an agreement with the surrounding communities that details the codes of conduct for students that live off campus.

"Loyola has extremely stringent off-campus guidelines in terms of behavior, and the students that live in Homeland are subject to those guidelines when instances are brought to our attention," said Terry Sawyer, vice president of administration.

Loyola is currently in the process of renegotiating this agreement. The details of the new agreement have not been released, but student conduct requirements will not be lessened. As representatives of the college, students are also expected to conform to the Community Standards that are in place for all students living on campus.

The problems of the homeowners represent the tension between the residents of Homeland and the landlords, who -- because they own a large number of properties -- have a large number of votes within the community. Three members of the Homeland board are landlords; the other two actually live in the community.

"The biggest problem is ... the plan to get more and more students here, and I don't like it," Murphy said.

"The fact of the matter is, there was a time when there were more rentals in here than there are today. The distinction is we never had the density. The density is the issue because of too many kids," Casgar said.



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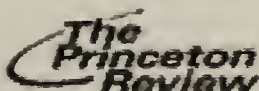
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—THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL— Leadership responsibilities

During the past few weeks, this publication has reported on the developments surrounding former SGA President Kelly Crossett. News stories, opinions articles and letters to the editor have filled these pages, and this editorial board would be remiss if we did not address the most recent developments and its impact pertaining to the added responsibility student leaders possess.

For the second consecutive year, the SGA president, Loyola's highest elected student leader, was removed from office for violations of the student code of conduct. While we commend Student Life for their consistency in this case, following a precedent they set last year, we think it is important for student leaders and potential student leaders to recognize that they are held to a higher standard of conduct.

Clearly, student leaders on this campus put in many long hours of service to the college and their respective organizations, many of which go without acclaim or extolment. However, running for or being appointed to student leadership positions does (and should) come with extra responsibilities and expectations. Students need to realize before applying or running for these positions that they will be held to higher standards, and they need to take this into consideration when deciding whether or not they want to hold these positions. Yes, you are a college student like everyone else, but by choosing to accept a high-ranking student leadership position, you are committing yourself to upholding higher standards because the position you occupy warrants it.

In the next few weeks, the SGA will be holding elections for the next president and vice president along with the respective class president positions. Like every year, these elections are critical in determining how the upcoming school year will be run, and this year in particular the elections are crucial.

Next year's SGA president will face the daunting task of re-establishing the credibility of the position, after two consecutive years where the SGA's top leader was removed for inappropriate conduct. In addition, the new SGA president will be one of the first students to develop a relationship with the new president of Loyola College and will have the opportunity to make sure that the students are his top priority. Therefore, we encourage those students who believe they can live up to these higher standards and responsibilities to run, but we also encourage the entire student body to vote for the candidates you feel will embody these characteristics.

■NHL players look for work



Recycling at Loyola exists

Loyola does recycle. This is a true statement that can be supported by simply going to Physical Plant and seeing the dumpsters nicely separated between paper and commingled bins. Students at Loyola want to recycle. I would like to believe that this is another true statement. But the question is can students recycle? I think that they can, but it's hard to recycle when you don't know what can or cannot be recycled or even where to recycle. This is why I will give you the 411 on recycling at Loyola.

First, let's go over what can and cannot be recycled and the definitions of commingled recycling and mixed paper recycling.

Commingled recycling: aluminum cans, glass bottles, glass containers, all plastics that have the numbers one and two in the recycling symbol.

Important: Remember that for plastic, all numbers other than one and two cannot be recycled. This includes Primo's and Boulder containers, including the cups. Also any containers (bottles, cans) with food in them cannot be recycled, so remember to rinse out containers before recycling.

Mixed paper recycling: paper such as computer paper, newspaper, loose-leaf paper, colored paper, coated paper, envelopes with labels or windows, greeting cards, newspaper, magazines, mail, post-its, receipts, hard cover books under 1-inch thick, folders, cereal boxes, shipping boxes. Important: You do not have to remove paper clips, staples, tape, plastic tabs or wire spirals.

Also, there are some things that don't fall in the category of mixed paper. These include candy wrappers, wax-coated cups, wallpaper, napkins, toilet paper, Styrofoam, photos, lunch bags, overnight envelopes, carbon paper, three-ring binders, food-covered plates, hard cover books

over 1-inch thick. Remember, there can be no contaminated materials.

So there is a lot that can be recycled, but where can you recycle? On campus, if you see a blue bin with a slim slot on its top, then it is for paper recycling. The bin with the circle in the top is for cans, plastic and glass. Don't try to stuff your trash in these bins. Besides taking far too much effort, it contaminates the entire bag. These blue bins are visible on the quad, and they are also in every academic building, Primo's, Boulder and many building common areas.

You can also recycle in the big, outside bins for recyclables that you collect in your room. Here is where you can recycle based on your location.

Newman Towers: Bring plastics, glass and cans to the big long green bin, known as an A-frame. Bring your paper recyclables to the bin labeled "Mixed Paper Only."

Campion Tower: Bring paper recyclables to the white bin labeled "Mixed Paper Only." Bring your plastic, glass and cans to Newman, Gardens C parking lot or Seton Court parking lot to bins labeled "Commingled Only." There will be a commingled bin for the Campion parking lot arriving soon.

Gardens, Seton Court, Lang and Hopkins: Bring your commingled recycling to Newman, Gardens or Seton. Bring your paper recycling to Campion or Newman.

McAuley and Ahern: In the parking lot between Ahern and McAuley, you have bins for commingled (plastic, cans, glass) and mixed paper. At this point only the mixed paper bin is clearly labeled, but the bin sitting right next to it will soon be painted by the members of Roots and Shoots to designate it as commingled. So start recycling your cans, plastics and aluminum in the unlabeled bin.

Aquinas: Bring your recycling either to your laundry room and computer lab bins, to the bins between McAuley and Ahern or

directly to Physical Plant.

Important note: Do not contaminate. Here is a scenario if you do contaminate. If you throw your trash in a recycling bin, chances are that the bin will not be recycled, and instead it will be sent to an incinerator rather than being sorted. The school will then be losing money on the recycling program, and if the school loses money, they will start taking away recycling bins.

Then there will be nowhere to recycle, and I, along with all my tree-hugging and non-tree-hugging friends will be very sad, and the Earth will cry as its landfills fill up, and there will be no parks, and the bunnies will disappear... well, you get the point and even if you don't, simply don't contaminate and please recycle!!

If you are interested in recycling on campus or want to get involved with recycling in your residence halls, two places that you can go are the Resident Affairs Council or Roots and Shoots. If you are missing a small bin in your apartment and want one, come to Hopkins Court Lounge on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 and Saturday, March 19, 2005 between 2 and 4 p.m. where we will be distributing bins for free.

If you have issues with where bins are located anywhere on campus or lack there of, or any questions or comments call x2431 or e-mail recycling@loyola.edu. For general information about recycling on campus go to the Web site www.loyola.edu/recycling. This is your campus and your environment. Have you recycled today?

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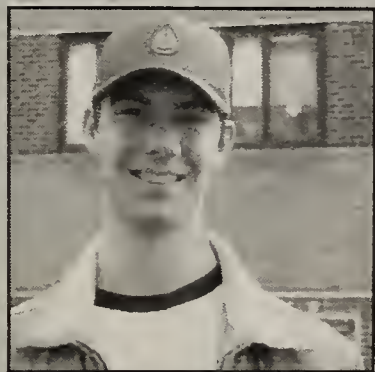
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On the Quad

What are you doing for spring break?

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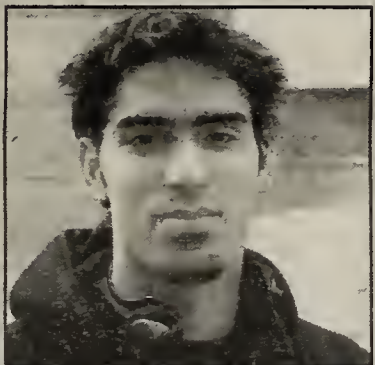
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Do you want to do "On the Quad?"
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Non-spring-breakers unite!

Your countdown began in January. You spent hours upon hours at the gym (or at least waiting for a machine in the gym) in an attempt to get that body ready for a bathing suit within these six short weeks. You

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planned out a New Year's resolution diet, broke it a week later and then decided to make that your dietary Lenten sacrifice. Instead of spending all of your money at the bars, you started saving it for something bigger, for someplace better, for sometime during that second week in March. You are going on spring break.

And I am going home.

It really was my own choice. The discussions began in the beginning of fall semester, yet for some reason, I couldn't bring myself to commit to anything. Between the buyer's guilt of spending a large portion of my bank account while traveling abroad in New Zealand and the typical indecisive attitude that comes with being a college senior, I chose not to get involved in any group affair. Friends started planning all-inclusive trips to hot spots like South Padre Island and Jamaica, yet for some reason, I thought it was best to opt out.

The spring semester began, and suddenly the only thing on peoples minds' became this upcoming week in March -- and understandably so. Baltimore's recent forecasts of "wintry mix" don't stand a chance next to the 80-degree sunny weather of the tropics, and the idea of a week filled with friends, fun and relaxation is more than

appealing. Suddenly I panic: What am I to do for spring break? A few alternative plans came and went -- and all fell through for one reason or another. So now, after some months of not planning and procrastinating, I'll be driving off to the Island -- Long Island -- for a not-so-tropical week off.

But who's complaining? Non-spring breakers of Loyola: Unite! Provided below is a sample itinerary of ideas for our very own spring break adventures. Even though we'll be at home. With our parents. In the cold. Rock on.

To-Do List:

1) Drive around your town with the windows down, regardless of the below-zero wind chill and blizzard flakes. For effect, blast the sweet reggae sounds of Bob Marley and Sublime. Sunglasses must be worn at all times -- even when it's already dark at 5 p.m.

2) Head to the nearest beach/lake/river/puddle. Bring a towel, lie down and enjoy the calming sounds of the crashing waves/barely-moving ripples. Take a dip, polar bear style.

"Bring a camera everywhere you go. Claim that you don't even remember taking any of the pictures."

— Meg Sudano

3) Visit the tanning salon for at least 70 minutes each day. While the burn may be painful and incredibly dangerous to your health, the resulting peel will make people believe you were actually sunburned. Avoid the creepy orange Oompa Loompa look. That fools no one.

4) Put some dirt from your backyard into a jar. Label it "Sands of the Caribbean."

5) Go to your nearest toy store and buy one of those cool easy-to-use hair-braiders. Braid a few strands of hair using the brightest colors possible. Extra points for beads and jewels at the end.

6) Get some homework done ahead of schedule. (Wait, what?)

7) Do some searching about the most tropical drinks (i.e. Pina Colada, Bahama Mama, etc.) Buy fancy cups and curly straws. Don't forget to add the corresponding fruit to each glass (i.e. lemon, cherry, lime, etc.). Let your younger sibling try some. If you are an only child, try your pet.

8) Bring a camera everywhere you go. Claim that you don't even remember taking any of the pictures.

9) Turn up the heat in your house to at least 90 degrees. Insist on wearing only your bathing suit and flip-flops all day and all night. Drown out the parental screams about the electric bills with louder reggae music.

10) Rent *Girls Gone Wild* and watch it least eight times. Pretend as if the characters are your own group of friends. Frequently refer to them as if they were real -- for example, "Tammy and I went dancing all night long," or "I can't believe Krista won the wet T-shirt contest!"

I am sure that most of you non-spring-breakers have far better plans than these 10 items listed above, but hopefully if you get bored, these will come in handy. Even if for no other reason than to make a complete fool of yourself. At least your siblings will laugh. Maybe. And for those of you who will be living out the real spring break experience, be safe, wear your sunscreen, swim in the waves, relax on the sand and dance the night away. Have a great time -- just try to remember most of it.

How to fix the Democratic Party

A little over three months since the elections, debates are still raging about why George W. Bush won over Democratic challenger John Kerry. After a brief period

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of reflection, Democrats still appear to be a political "chicken with its head chopped off" when involved with politics on the national level. As Republicans set about working on their ambitious agenda for the next four years, former presidential candidate Howard Dean has been charged with leading the Democratic Party towards victory in the 2006 midterm elections and more importantly the 2008 presidential contest.

Dean, the outspoken former governor of Vermont who appeared to have the Democratic nod all but sealed for the 2004 election, is an interesting and controversial choice to chair the party, but ultimately may be the most qualified to bring down the current conservative monopoly of the federal government. The case could be made that Dean was in fact the inadvertent architect of the Democratic strategy in 2004. By speaking strongly against the war in Iraq Dean was able to mobilize a large grassroots following which ultimately led other candidates -- like Kerry -- to speak out against the war. True, the policy failed to unseat Bush, but the argument can be made that Bush's victory had more to do with Kerry's apparent indecision on the issue than did the popularity of the war.

Dean's outspoken nature might frighten some of the more centrist Democrats, but it is his nature which will likely allow him to strongly lead the party. Dean actually has

much in common with another decisive and determined politician -- George W. Bush. Many voters were concerned that Kerry was not willing to take a stand on issues and would be a weak leader while taking comfort in Bush's steadfast determination and confidence. This is exactly what rallied Democrats behind Dean in the primaries and will likely rally them in the future. Dean is the type of politician who makes strong statements regarding policy, such as, "Defense is a lot broader than swaggering around saying you're going to kick Saddam's butt." Dean may not be ideologically aligned with the voter base Democrats will need to court, but his strong personality and willingness to stand behind an ambitious platform will help draw much needed voters.

Still, an outspoken leader is not a panacea for the Democrats' many ills. With Republicans dominating Congress, Democrats have been reduced to an opposition party seeking to veto any idea the majority brings to the table. A good place to start fixing this problem would be Social Security reform -- don't simply deny a problem exists and say "no" to Bush's plan. Explain why that plan is faulty and formulate one of your own. If Democrats want to accomplish anything in 2006 and 2008, they must stop simply being the party of "No" and offer realistic alternatives to Republican proposals in order to stop their monopoly of ideas.

A move towards the center, scorned by extreme leftists, may be the solution to the Democrats' problems. That's not to say Democrats should become "Republican-lite," but the majority of voters fall between the right and the left, and the party which is

able to tap these voters often comes away victorious. A move towards the center does not mean Democrats must abandon their principles; it just means that they must be willing to adapt to the current political climate and remain open to change. While it is noble to stand by one's traditional beliefs, it would be irresponsible to refuse to adjust them simply because of tradition.

There are many ways in which Democrats can build momentum for midterm elections, but they must start immediately. Bush has just handed Democrats a golden opportunity to do so by becoming champions of veterans' rights. International concern over Iran, North Korea and Syria has become prevalent, offering an opportunity to solidify a party-wide stance on foreign policy issues. Whatever road Democrats choose, they should learn a lesson from Howard Dean and take resolute, firm stands on important issues, providing the American people with a viable alternative.

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Grad fair inspires reflection on past, future

It's March, which is frightfully near to April, which is dangerously adjacent to May, which contains the ominous date of May 20 -- a day that we members of the

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class of 2005 look towards with a mélange of excitement, fear, regret and possibility.

I've always maintained that by the time graduation rolled around, I would be all sorts of ready to leave. I certainly felt that way when I accepted my high school diploma. While my fellow graduates were trying not to smear their white graduation robes with running mascara, I burnished my dozen roses (a part of my school's ceremony) aloft and cried "FREEEEEEEDOM!" invoking Mel Gibson and painted Picts. Of course I would miss my friends and family, but I was ready to embark on the next part of my life.

And now, four years later, I find myself experiencing a different sort of feeling: trepidation and hesitancy. I pride myself on being adventuresome and up for anything, but the older I get, the less flexible I am. I don't mean I should take more yoga classes (though I probably should). I mean I am becoming more resistant to change.

When I left my high school friends, I knew that we would be able to reconvene over

Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. No matter how far away they were going to school, Cleveland was still our home, our parents' home, and we would inevitably return. I have no such solace this time around.

My friends, who have become as integral a part of my life as my hometown friends, do not all live in the same place. Of course, New York, Jersey and Philly are common locales, but I have friends from all over. It is unlikely that we will ever reconvene in one place for very long. Sure, there is the Bull and Oyster Roast, and for me there will be theater shows, parties and initiations to attend. But what are the chances that every single person will be able to come back at one time?

Maybe I'm worrying too early. It is only March, but I suspect that my trip to the graduation fair prompted this reverie. I have many dear friends and roommates that graduated last year, and while we do manage to get together, it isn't nearly as frequently as I would hope. It doesn't help that I live in Ohio -- it's practically exotic at this school and is certainly far-flung from most of my friends.

And then there's grad school. I don't know yet if I will get in anywhere, but I've applied to six schools, and next year could find me living in any of four different states and one district. Loyola has become a home of sorts, in the respect that friends are together here. We live together, share our lives, become inextricably linked to each other.

I feel like graduation, which can be likened to both an ending and a beginning, is more frightening in its 'beginning' manifestation.

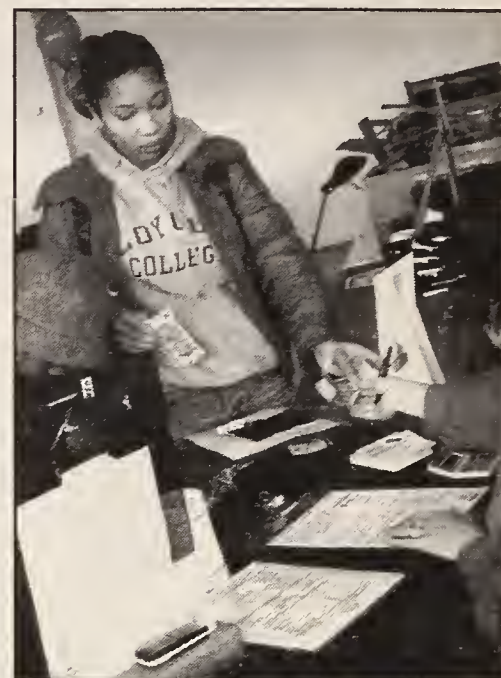
For four years, we have worked to get to this point; warming up for the moment when we receive our diploma, which is a starting gun's fire. After that moment we charge off into the future, to different states, countries and futures.

I certainly don't know what my destiny holds. I don't know what my friends' destinies will become. I don't even know if I believe in destiny. What I do know is this.

Ever since I was a freshman, I have been extolled to cherish these four years, fleeting as they would prove to be. And they have. They indeed have flown by, to the point that sometimes I'm convinced that on graduation morning I will wake up in my old apartment in Lower, a freshman, and prepare my books for Effective Writing.

But no. Now, I wake up and prepare to go to senior seminar, and I find myself extolling new freshmen to enjoy their time and to live for the moment. They don't believe me, but that's OK because maybe I didn't believe it either when I was in their position. How does one live for the moment? I'm aware -- every day I'm aware -- that my time here is drawing to a close. I try to hold on to it, to squeeze every drop of life I can so that in 10 years, when I think back on this time, I will not be able to think of a single thing I didn't try or an opportunity I missed.

It can become an obsession, this preoccupation with graduation and nostalgia for freshman year, when Loyola was new and unexplored. Living for the moment can become a daunting task, because as we know, the tighter one holds on to a fist of sand, the quicker the granules slip away.



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Senior Gail Wallen pays for her cap and gown at the graduation fair last week.

There must exist a balance, and I just haven't found it yet: a balance of reveling in the time left while mindful of its unavoidable conclusion and a healthy amount of frivolous fun with friends, tempered with the knowledge that they soon may be far away. Enjoying Loyola as it is now, not four years ago, not four years in the future. This time, this iteration of Loyola is ours, and this time is solidly ours.

Don't waste it wondering where the time went, and don't get caught up in worrying about May 20. "I give myself very good advice, but I very seldom follow it. Will I ever learn to do the things I should?" -- *Alice in Wonderland*

Cell phones make calls, do laundry?

With each passing month the fine lines between cell phones and other portable electronic devices begin to blur, causing even the most technologically-savvy consumer to begin to question what category such items belong to. The problem

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lies in the realm of competition, and we are the ones left with confusion, frustration and high prices in the aftermath.

Let's face it; the world's cell phone market is over-saturated. However, here in America where only a single-digit percentage of all of the world's cell phone models are offered, we find ourselves struggling to conceive and operate camera phones, PDA phones and other RIM devices. Is it a camera or a phone? Is it a good-quality phone with a mediocre at best camera or the other way around? The options offered on these high-priced cell phones are both overwhelming and almost unnecessary at times.

I remember when a cell phone was really a "cellular phone." Remember the phone that Zack Morris would pull out of his backpack? That thing almost needed a car battery to operate. Today, I find myself searching for the optimal and cost friendly cell phone of my dreams, considering my contract will be up soon, and the complementary phone I received two years ago when initiating the plan is on its last legs.

Let's be serious; how ridiculous are cell phones getting nowadays? When I was in Japan the cell phone monster DoCoMo led



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While cell phones have certainly made life easier for everyone, this columnist does not think they should be used to replace other useful technology.

the way in revolutionary phones that went up to the American equivalent of \$300. Who really needs a \$300 cell phone? What's even more interesting is the fact that for only a few dollars more you could get a refurbished PDA or laptop computer. I think your choice in a cell phone has to go way beyond telling your friends that you bought an overpriced phone with a million features; you must also take into account the fact that you are most likely not really ever going to use any of them.

The extra features found on the menus of cell phones are both frivolous and cannot compete with the other electronics that cater to those tasks exclusively. How can some people really think that just because your cell phone has a low-grade megapixel camera that all of a sudden you don't really need a camera? Furthermore, when was the last time you saw your friends checking to see if they were free this weekend via the planner on their cell phone?

I just cannot comprehend how these cross-genre features found on cell phones can act as a major selling point. Personally,

the most important thing that I will look for in a cell phone is the signal strength and reception with the physical durability of the unit as a close second. Phone-related features and accessories like voice-activated dialing, speakerphones and one-touch dialing are quite acceptable, time saving and have helped to strengthen the every-day usage and optimization of conversation and interpersonal communications.

What I say is, "Listen Todd, just because you now wear a suit to work every day doesn't mean that you need all 500 of your 50 Cent MP3s on your cell phone."

I also feel that the cell phones made today really don't take durability into consideration. When your new Motorola Razor phone smacks onto the floor at Craig's, guess what, its toast. That might be an extreme example, however, everyone drops their cell, it gets smashed into purses and is being flipped open and closed countless times daily. I think I had my phone for about a month when I started to notice problems with the battery staying

connected to the phone because I had dropped it a few times. How can businesses expect for these "accessory" phones to be functional? I mean, sure, if you could go out and buy a \$300 phone initially, you could most likely afford to replace it anyways. However, not everyone falls into that category; but the durability of the phones seems to stay the same.

How can I be expected to use my cell phone all the time -- especially if I work in a labor-intensive environment -- without worrying about breaking it, smashing its screen or losing functionality because it's too cumbersome?

For me, it's just an excuse that has been incorporated into the life of the phone. They expect you to break it, lose it or for it to stop working so you can either buy an insurance program or a brand new phone -- hopefully a newer and more expensive model. The cyclical nature of the lifecycles of these products ultimately leads to the "hosing" of many unconscious consumers.

I think there are many elements and features that when incorporated make a great cell phone. However, what I don't really agree with are the factory-installed options that are found on many phones that in turn reflect or add to the price when you're never going to use them anyways.

When you want to take notes use a notebook. When you want to schedule dates use a PDA. When you want to listen to some tunes use an audio device. Then when you want to give me a call to go out on a date add me to the voice dial -- that's what most of your phones were designed for anyway. You will always get more optimization from a better product with an exclusive function when you invest in one.

Electronics, like people, have their strengths and weaknesses and cannot excel at everything on an optimal level of performance across the board.

LC shuttles necessary to broaden horizons

Recently, Loyola promoted Tim Fox to director of Parking and Transportation. The administration's sensitivity to the needs of the students in this area is praiseworthy and should be treated as such.

However, for Loyola, this is only the first

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baby step in what must be a very involved improvement process. Loyola transportation systems have been weak over the last few years, and to improve them is a noble idea.

But to me, the concept of "transportation" in conjunction with Loyola College stretches beyond the borders of our campus. For the most part, the chance to explore the city that surrounds us is not as easy as one may suspect.

As most would admit, the cab fare is borderline ridiculous. It alone is enough to discourage many students from venturing anywhere too remote. True, offers sprout up on occasion for free transportation to places like Towson and the Inner Harbor, and the Colltown shuttle runs daily.

However, neither of these methods of travel can be expected to appease the schedules of the many students, and they only travel between isolated destinations. As for students providing their own transportation, freshmen are not allowed cars, and hoards of upperclassmen that do have them are forced to park them far away.

Many upperclassmen choose not to bring their cars to campus, for a variety of reasons, but even those that do would admit that some of the most popular off-campus ventures (bars anyone?) are not conducive to self-transportation anyway.

Trying to get to the airport is one of my personal favorite games. I usually attempt to book a "Super Shuttle," but half the time they don't show up, and I am forced to spend as much as \$90 round trip to BWI.

My mom doesn't believe me when I tell her Super Shuttle doesn't live up to its name and that it isn't my fault.

But airport trouble is just one rather minor example of transportation difficulty that surrounds Loyola College. The effects of the problem are greater than the sum of its parts; that is to say, lack of easy transportation leads to more than simply annoyance at the lack of easy transportation. It leads to sheltered lifestyles, to an unacceptable unfamiliarity with the world around us.

We attend school in a mostly African-American city known more than anything for its murder rate, but you would never know it by walking around Loyola or the surrounding neighborhood.

We have decorative brick walls and fences that protect us, shield us from the city and remind us that we are not in a city-in-itself but in an institution within a city. Loyola is its own community, largely separate from the city, and the methods of transportation offered as liaisons do not enhance the relationship.

Furthermore, when we as students do leave campus, it does not feel like a true off-campus experience. We go to one of three or four places, and when we arrive, we usually find ourselves surrounded by classmates and familiar faces. Places like York, Fells, Towson and the Inner Harbor might as well be an extension of campus, a stage set, a "playground" for Loyola students.

Some colleges do not have campuses separate from the communities that hold them. Like any other nine-to-fiver, their campus consists of the streets, the tall buildings and the subway. When trudging my way through the application process, adviser after adviser urged me to make a decision about which type of campus I thought would be right for me. At the time, I didn't see how it mattered -- college was college, and either way, I'd feel like a city-dweller, like an independent human being.

Now, having been here for almost two years and visiting colleges like NYU and Emerson, I realize there is a difference. To me, that difference extends beyond "campus versus no campus." It translates to "sheltered versus cultured." We are an

hour from Capitol Hill, arguably the most "important" region of the country, yet I doubt many students have taken a day to travel there or maybe sit in on a Senate Committee hearing. It does not even cross our minds. Something is wrong with that picture.

I'm sure all college students were told that "the next four years is your opportunity to finally live in the real world." The college experience should be as such, and it is wholly within our grasp to create this environment at Loyola. The administration must encourage off-campus events and fund the means of transportation. They have already started this process, and it is an honorable undertaking. They must announce and celebrate these events.

The students, for their part, must be attentive to these announcements, these opportunities. They must take risks. While it would be a major comfort zone stretch to stay out of the bars on a given night, the comfort zone may end up expanded as a result. Throwing oneself into the culture around them is an enlightening experience.

The key phrase, however, is "throwing

oneself." College doesn't just pick you up by the seat of your pants and deposit you

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Social Security system must be changed

There has been much talk lately about the current state of the Social Security program. Loyola's students would be wise to take note of this issue; it will play an important role in their future. The Social Security system is headed for insolvency. It will require sacrifices and painful decisions by the American people to avoid disaster.

Why should this matter to 21-year-old

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students? Around 2050, this generation will begin to retire; we can expect to receive less than 75 percent of the benefits promised by Social Security. The fact is that in 13 years, the Social Security Agency is projected to begin paying out more in benefits than it collects in taxes. By 2042, the system's reserves will have run out; it will no longer be able to meet its promised obligations. The SSA board of trustees reports, "The sooner adjustments are made the smaller and less abrupt they will have to be." The country must take the right actions quickly to make any transitions as painless as possible.

How is it that Social Security, known as one of the "most successful" government programs in American history, is on the brink of failure? The simple way out is to blame

America's changing demographics. It is true that the ratio of workers to retirees is declining quickly; there will be less money coming in than going out. However, it is the underlying failures of the system that really account for the looming crisis.

The biggest Social Security misconception is that workers pay into a fund, their money earns interest and they get it back when they retire. Workers don't get "their money" back. Today's workers pay for today's retirees. This is a "pay-as-you-go" system. The system currently does have reserves, but these earn a rate of return well below that of other potential investments. For many retirees the money that the government sends to them has less purchasing power than the money the retirees sent to the government.

When President Franklin Delano Roosevelt created Social Security, he intended for it to be a safety net for retirees who had nothing else to rely on. Instead it has transformed into the main source of retirement money for two-thirds of all American retirees. People have grown accustomed to the past stability provided by the SSA. Savings rates have declined. Americans don't have a strong incentive to save for themselves because they believe that the government will do it for them. America's heavy reliance on the SSA has



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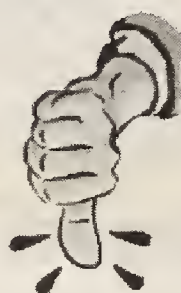
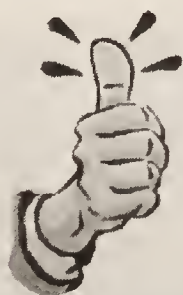
A student protester is ushered out of Behrakis Grand Hall after expressing his opposition to U.S. Senator Rick Santorum's Social Security views at Drexel University.

THUMBS BY PHIL LEVERRIER & RIK KOLETAR

Primo's grilled chicken -- When you've become tired of quesadillas, cheeseburgers, more quesadillas and more cheeseburgers from the grill, ask the Primo's employees for a grilled chicken sandwich. That's right, the grill actually has grilled chicken hiding in a mystery drawer underneath the counter; and it's not those half cooked white meat cubes that get tossed in your Chinese food if you ask for it. It may be the only thing on campus that benefits from sitting around in its own fluids all day, and it's good.

Lewis Black -- We don't think Student Activities could have picked a more suitable comedian to entertain us on a Friday night. Lewis Black regularly makes Jon Stewart laugh on "The Daily Show," and we're willing to bet he made freshmen laugh too. A large man that yells could only make our evening better. It works with coach Jimmy Patsos, so why not with Black?

Paris Hilton's phonebook robbery -- Just when Paris Hilton can't be accused or confirmed of doing or possessing anything else, her entire cellphone phonebook gets hacked and posted for the world to see. Celebrities ranging from Christina Aguilera and Avril Lavigne to Luke Wilson and Eminem all have their personal phone numbers in plain view on numerous web sites. Apparently everything with the heir to the Hilton throne is easy accessible. Is it bad karma after stealing her own pornographic video from a street stand, or is Paris simply going to be an object of hilarity for her entire natural life?



Primo's bench seating -- Many students may wonder what we mean by the Primo's bench seating, because the dining area furniture has never actually been capable of holding a human being. These pitiful eyesores of shredded fabric and unbalanced cushions could be used as a see-saw if necessary. If students want to play while they eat, they can go to McDonald's Playland.

Baja Thursday night flyers -- Almost everybody knows about Baja ... and almost everybody knows that they don't like Baja. However, some poor soul who is getting paid to promote the place (or actually genuinely likes it) has gotten them in every room and apartment on this campus via *The Greyhound*. What do people do with these flyers? Read them ecstatically and run to Baja Thursday night? No, they rip them up, throw them in the halls and stairwells, and probably set them on fire. Anybody who wants to go to Baja already knows about it; thanks for the effort though.

FAC radio -- Yes, another airwave we have beef with. Not too many people want to hear the theme song from *The Bodyguard* or the latest single from Lindsay Lohan when they're trying to work out. If anything, it increases the risk of falling asleep or daydreaming about intimacy and dropping weights on sensitive body parts and/or flying off treadmills. Just put it on 98 Rock or WLOY; it's that simple. If you have any kind of drive whatsoever, you need music with some kind of force to it. Rock music = work out music, end of story.

increased over time while the foundation of the system has become increasingly unstable.

Fortunately for future retirees there are many proposals on the table that may allow Americans to continue to use Social Security as an important basis for their retirement. Some of these proposals offer more promise than others.

A program that would allow younger workers to divert some of their payroll taxes into private accounts would be a welcome change to the current system. This will bring all of the benefits of ownership to a system that sorely needs them. People will see their savings grow as they work. They will see that the harder they work the more savings they acquire. Most importantly, they will see that the money is theirs; their work is paying off.

Allowing workers to invest money from these accounts into stocks and bonds would only sweeten the deal. This would allow individuals to earn higher rates of return on the money that they have contributed. The more freedom people are given to make decisions with their money, the stronger the system will be.

Some politicians have likened investing to gambling when arguing against this idea. Funny how these same politicians subscribe to a very similar investment program. The truth is that the best way to become wealthy is to make conservative, long-term investments -- exactly the type that private accounts would allow.

While private accounts are a step in the right direction, they may not be enough to completely solve the crisis. Other sacrifices must be made to complement this plan.

A second proposed solution calls for a reduction of future benefits for retirees. Politicians kick and scream when presented with this notion. For them it is unforgivable to voluntarily reduce benefits. At the same time, it is no big deal that in 40 years there will be no choice but to reduce benefits by more than 25 percent. This is completely illogical.

Some Democrats have put forward their favorite solution to any problem: tax it. Raising payroll taxes could offset the gap and bring Social Security out of the red. Of course, the SSA reports that the tax rate is already an astounding 12.4 percent and most "workers already pay more in payroll taxes than they do in income taxes." Plus, the rate

has been raised 20 times since 1935; how much higher should it go? The SSA estimates that a rate of at least 18 percent will be needed to cover current commitments. Rates this high will strain small businesses, stifle economic growth and increase unemployment. They will also crowd out private retirement savings and increase the burden of Social Security, which will only make the problem worse. In this case, as usual, raising taxes is no solution at all.

Probably the most disgraceful suggestion is the Robin Hood proposal (i.e. Communist). Although it is altruistic in nature, the consequences of this plan would be disastrous. Simply put, "Robin Hood" claims that the system is in danger because of rich people. People who don't rely solely on Social Security payments shouldn't receive any at all. The money that they would have received should go to the poor people that need it. This would provide an even bigger incentive for people to not save for themselves than the current system already does. Workers would actually be punished for thinking ahead and taking care of themselves and their families. This move away from personal responsibility would actually increase the problems that the system faces because people will rely more heavily on the system and less on themselves.

The worst of all proposals has been offered by other prominent Democrats. They say, "Leave the system alone." This is understandable: the SSA has been their baby since 1935, and they hate to see it grow up. They are attempting to reassure their older constituents. Unfortunately, this head-in-the-ground approach will not help a single person. These politicians are following the standard model. They are trading enormous expenses in the future (when they are no longer seeking office) in exchange for near term "benefits" (and next term re-election). America's young workers deserve better.

The fact is that changes will be made to the system. The only choice is whether to make gradual changes now or drastic changes in the future. There is no way to avoid the costs of the changes. The only question is who will pay for them. All Americans can contribute to a fair solution now or our generation can suffer the substantial consequences in the future.

The skinny on new calorie legislation

A few months ago, my mother and I stopped for lunch at a Ruby Tuesday's in our local mall in New Jersey. We opened our menus to discover that the restaurant had listed the nutritional values for all

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of their menu items, from salads to desserts -- which we soon discovered shared just about the same fat content. As fairly health-conscious ladies, my mother and I could not believe that a chicken salad could contain 847 calories and 59 grams of fat without dressing or the calorie-killer croutons. Were the lettuce leaves being dipped in lard before the salad was delivered to the table?

With the realities of our potential food choices staring back at us from the menu, we both chose the healthiest item on the menu (as far as fat and calories were concerned), which was a petite sirloin steak. With only about 200 calories and eight grams of fat, it was healthier than a grilled chicken wrap, which would have been my "healthy" choice had it not been for the nutritional information.

So where am I going with all of this? With obesity as one of the fastest-growing health concerns in the United States, maybe Americans need the truth about what we eat at restaurants printed boldly next to the mouth-watering descriptions. My home state, affectionately known as the armpit of America, has proposed an idea to help address this problem, and

well ... it doesn't stink.

New Jersey is among six states, including Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Illinois and Hawaii, considering implementing food-labeling laws in restaurants. This would mean that chain and fast-food restaurants with 20 or more franchises would be required to display the calorie count, trans and saturated fat, salt, and cholesterol of all of their items on a menu board.

Although this law may be a buzz kill for the occasional bacon-cheese burger, why shouldn't restaurant food require the same labeling standards as the food we cook in our own homes? Maybe these standards will force restaurants into cooking more creatively to develop more healthy dishes.

Maybe it's time we take a closer look at the food we're putting in our bodies in the same light we would other potentially harmful substances, like alcohol and cigarettes. Packs of Marlboro are required to carry warning labels announcing their potentially harmful affects; why shouldn't a bowl of fettuccine alfredo?

Ruby Tuesday has since removed the nutritional information from the entirety of its menu, though it still accompanies certain items. If these laws pass though, they'll have to get the old menus out of storage and put them back in the hands of their customers, who'll be left with the final task of making an educated and healthy decision.

Comedy winner responds

The primary reason for my response to the letter is that Ms. Jones' letter in question paints me and my comedic act to be something that it is not and defames me and the others who participated in Last Comic Standing to the entire Loyola College community. Comedy is pointing out the things in life that may sometimes offend people but with the final goal of creating laughter. Jerry Seinfeld, for example, possibly America's most famous comedian, household name and generally accepted clean comedian, has taken heat throughout the years for his various offensive remarks, including a routine based around the Holocaust. He had no malicious intent for his Judaist heritage, much like I had no malicious intent in my act.

I have in fact lost family members to cancer (My grandmother for one passed from breast cancer). The joke itself in fact was not about cancer; rather it was about the awkwardness of comedians in serious situations. Ms. Jones chooses to attack my entire act even though she apparently left after my first joke, which she found distasteful. She downplays my victory by saying that I know everyone on the judging committee and somehow "jerry rigged" the event in

question. The judging was very fair in all aspects judging from audience reaction to originality. My purpose was first and foremost to make people laugh, as I am considering pursuing this as a living after college. Quite frankly, I could have cared less if I had won the competition, it was merely practice for my routine which I had studied for weeks previously in creating the bits, timing and movement in its entirety.

Comedy, no matter where you go and no matter who you see, will always be deemed as offensive by certain parties in the audience. To uphold me and my compatriots who participated in the Last Comic Standing to a different standard of what topics could and could not be covered is ridiculous, considering every student at this school is both an adult and had the choice of whether or not to attend the event. Were there rules given for the event stating that certain topics could not be delved into, then it would be a different story all together. In all reality, my act was one of the cleanest when it came to content and language use.

A wise woman once told me, "If comedy could not imitate life, then it wouldn't be funny."

Evan Valentine '05
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Loyola swimmers -- Jayme Adams, Shannon Mahon, Melissa Birkenmeier and Jennie Zohorsky -- pose for a picture after placing third in the 400 freestyle relay breaking a school record.

Swimmers criticize coverage

You may not realize this, but there are 47 Loyola students who get up at 5:30 a.m. every single morning, dive into a freezing cold pool and love it. These 47 students have grueling practice twice a day, every day, for the entire month of January. For the rest of the six-month season, they have daily practice as well as doubles twice a week. Since we feel *The Greyhound* neglected to do so, so we thought we'd give you an idea of how hard our teammates work. We want to take this opportunity to say how proud we are to call ourselves Loyola swimmers.

Two weeks ago, we leafed through *The Greyhound* in search of an article that would highlight our upcoming MAAC Championships. This article was nowhere to be found. *The Greyhound* neglected to tell you this, but Loyola hosts the MAAC Championships every year because we have a state-of-the-art facility that no other school has.

Loyola's aquatic center is by far the best either of us has ever had the privilege to compete in. We are fortunate enough to have this facility because Fr. Ridley was one of its biggest advocates, and we want to recognize all the hard work and dedication he put into it.

This being said, when we read the one article *The Greyhound* actually printed about MAACs, we were in complete shock. Aside from the many factual errors in the article, it was sloppily written and thrown together. The three-page detailed spread about the upcoming lacrosse season was impressive and contained information about each position and most of the players. The lacrosse teams definitely deserve every bit of this coverage, but it seemed like our season wrap-up article was just an afterthought.

However, the Loyola student body has definitely compensated for *The Greyhound's* swimming coverage, or lack thereof, over the

past six months. We want to thank every Loyola student who helped MAACs become a sold-out event; we can't tell you how much it meant to us. We also want to thank all of the administrative figures who came to cheer us on, especially head basketball coach Jimmy Patsos, who cheered from the pool deck Saturday night.

Lastly, we want to re-emphasize how hard our teammates worked for the past six months. The amount of commitment and dedication they have put into this past season made MAACs the best meet of our four years as Loyola swimmers. We ended our careers on a great note, thanks to our team and the support of the Loyola student body. We wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

Michelle Fronduti
Lisa Davey
Swim Team Co-Captains

SGA vows commitment to LC despite losing leader

To the students of Loyola College in Maryland:

In light of the recent events surrounding the SGA Presidency, we, the members of the Student Government Association, would like to take this opportunity to assure you that we are still hard at work and will remain committed to serving you for the remainder of the academic year.

Despite the change in leadership, the SGA will continue

to fulfill the mission statement and goals we set forth for ourselves last spring. We will carry out the jobs we were elected and appointed to do, and we sincerely promise to perform them with nothing short of our best. We are confident in the abilities of our new president, and we pledge to him our complete support.

We appreciate the trust and respect that you have shown for us throughout the year, and we

thank you for your continued support. Please know that we have your best interests at heart in all that we do.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to Kelly for her commitment, passion and enthusiasm. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Sincerely,
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POLL QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What spring event are you most looking forward to?
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| - Relay for Life | - The summer! |
| - Loyola vs. Hopkins men's lax | - NCAA March Madness |
| - Loyola vs. Maryland women's lax | - Battle of the Bands |

Last issue's poll: (results not scientific)

How enthusiastic are you about the upcoming lacrosse season?

- Super pumped! I bleed green and grey! (45%)
- Lacrosse? It's still basketball season! (36%)
- I might catch a game or two (18%)

Lewis Black entertains crowd at Reitz

BY TERRY FOY
SPORTS EDITOR AND
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MOVIE CRITIC

In the college's second large-scale comedy event of the year, political satirist and all-around rant-artist Lewis Black shocked and awed nearly 1500 Loyola students in Reitz Arena last Friday.

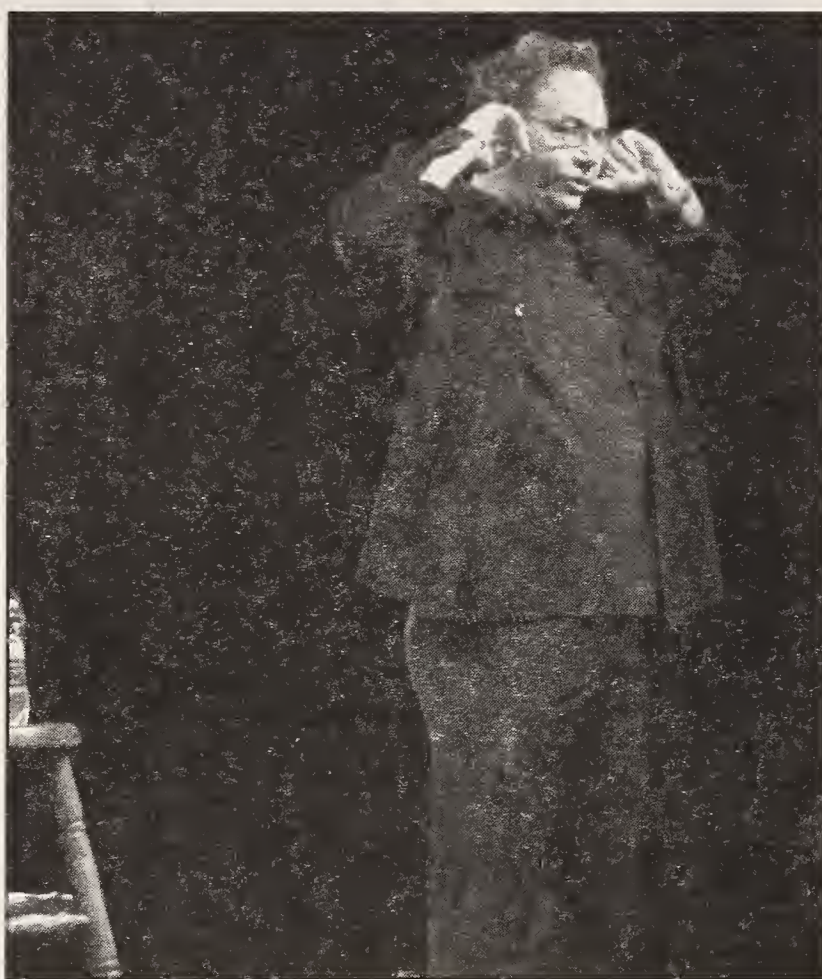
Black is perhaps best known for his "Back in Black" segment on "The Daily Show" and his specials on Comedy Central and HBO. On Friday, he introduced many unexposed audience members to his raving, maniacal style early on with jokes about last year's Super Bowl halftime slip, the presidential election and the hilarious differences between Christianity and Judaism.

Finishing off with a flurry and a dig at Towson, Black left the crowd divided over religion and politics, but few walked away without a laugh.

Before his set, however, *The Greyhound* had the opportunity to sit down with Black and a panel of media and ask him a few questions.

Growing up in Silver Spring, Md., what sports teams did you follow?

I was a Colts fan, and a Redskins fan. And then they took the Colts away, and I'm not really a Ravens fan because if you ask anyone in Baltimore now, they were so bitter about the Colts being taken away.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Lewis Black bawked during his performance at the idea that Loyola students could be conservative. Black suggested that college students who are inspired by today's politicians seek psychiatric help.

What was the last book you read?

I don't even remember. Seriously, um, Bob Dylan's *The Chronicles*.

What's the strangest place you've ever done a gig?

Hong Kong.

What was that like?

It was the worst pollution, the worst everything really, that I've ever seen.

So you've never been to Gary, Indiana?

No, Gary is awful, but it's nothing compared to the breath of

fresh air that is Hong Kong. But the shopping is better.

Do you think America is becoming progressively dumber?

No, I think our leadership is becoming progressively dumber.

Coming to a conservative college campus, how do you expect your message to be received?

This is conservative? Wait a minute, you're not serious. You're kids, and this is conservative? You know, that's antithetical. You mean, I'm at a Catholic school, and everyone here is Catholic? Nooo. But everyone has come here to become a priest? It can't be true, it can't be. I refuse to believe that. Look, if a kid is a conservative, that's not the time to be conservative. You become a conservative when you grow older. If you're conservative now, it leaves no room, and by the time you're older, what're you going to become, a Nazi?

Who do you think would win in a fight between Jon Stewart and Tucker Carlson?

Ugh, Stewart would ... it'd actually be pretty funny. It'd be like midget-wrestling. Even I think that's funny.

What's your craziest memory from college?

Oh, I can't even begin. The craziest? You know, I realize this is a Catholic school and this doesn't go on here, but I once had sex on the 50-yard line of the football field. And I did it during a game, so it was very impressive.

Do you prefer doing stand-up, or do you like your work on "The Daily Show" better?

I prefer this. I mean, I like doing

what I do on "The Daily Show," but this is more fun. I have more control over this, I can say whatever I want. I don't have to go through people. I like Jon, and I like the rest of the guys, but it's still in the context of the show.

What's currently in your CD player?

I have an iPod, which has changed my life. Once I figured out downloading, which took a year and a half. I have Dylan's "The Rolling Thunder." I have a bunch of the Rolling Stones. I have, what's his name, Gavin DeGraw. The iPod is sick because you start downloading things you shouldn't. You think, "Oh yeah, I really liked that album," and it's an Elton John album from when I was in college, and you listen to it, and you think "You know: this eats it."

What most influenced your stand-up career?

I actually fell into it by accident. I did it because I thought it was interesting: it kind of fascinated me. During the 60s you'd watch Ed Sullivan and then later "Saturday Night Live." So I watched [Richard] Pryor and Lenny Bruce and [George] Carlin. Jonathon Winters was really big, so those were the main ones.

If you could be one person, alive or dead, who would it be?

You know, I'd like to be Thomas Jefferson, but for the wrong reasons. All the wrong reasons. I'd just like to have his life without having to do the rest of the work. I don't even know why he did the other stuff. Maybe Bill Bradley but more personality. I'd like to say Hunter S. Thompson, but it's probably a bad sign if you say someone who just killed himself.

Loyola to host Hurston's plays

BY CECILIA WATSON
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, March 2, a part of Zora Neale Hurston's life will be revealed. Student actors, under the direction of Shirley Basfield Dunlap from Morgan State University, will perform several short plays written by Hurston, none of which have been published and two of which have never been performed.

The performances will be accompanied with an original score performed by the Loyola Jazz Ensemble. After the performances, copies of *From Luababa to Polk County* will be available for purchase.

Upon receiving the "required texts" for communication and English classes these past two semesters, many students have often been assigned the novel *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. This novel is one of the many works by Zora Neale Hurston that has been making big news in recent events.

Almost 50 years after her death, Zora Neale Hurston's works are coming to the forefront again. Making national news off campus, one of her plays just won a Mary Martin Award for best new musical, and her novel, *Their Eyes*

Were Watching God, has been put into movie format with Halle Barry as its lead.

Even on campus, besides her book being read by hundreds of students, two of her never-before-performed plays will be shown in McManus Theater tomorrow night at 7 p.m. Along with this show will be the release of the book, *From Luababa to Polk County: Zora Neale Hurston*

"This presentation will give students a sense of what [Hurston] was trying to achieve."

-Dr. Charlie Mitchell

Plays, written by two of Loyola's own professors and printed by Apprentice House Publishing, a non-profit, student-run publishing company that originated from a journalism elective on Loyola's campus.

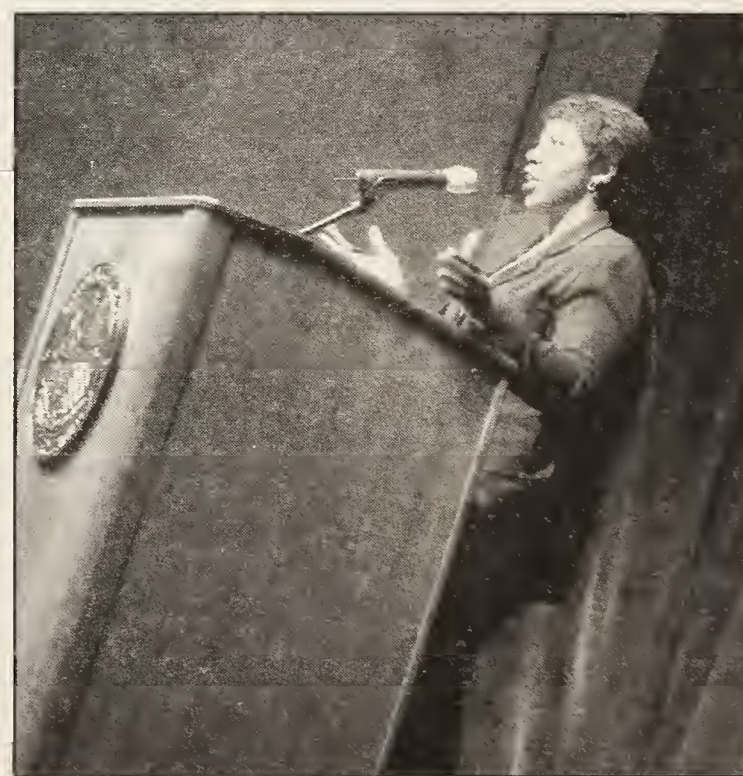
At the Humanities Symposium in February, a week-long event for the Loyola and Baltimore community, participants had the chance to read Hurston's novel and discuss the work among

themselves. It was from this event that the collaboration for *From Luababa to Polk County* arose. And it has successfully made it through the writers, editors and publishers and will now be distributed after the plays on Wednesday night.

Hurston led an interesting life. "Although known primarily as a novelist, Hurston devoted much of her time and effort to writing plays. She believed in a new Negro theatre that would be different from the stereotypes she saw in white plays and musicals," said Dr. Charlie Mitchell, one of the collaborators of *From Luababa to Polk County*.

Hurston's life was anything but ordinary. She was a playwright, an essayist, a novelist, a folklorist, an ethnologist and an anthropologist. Her writings, published almost 70 years ago, are now recognized as great works of literature.

"This presentation will give students a sense of what she was trying to achieve, a mix of dialogue and music that she never got to see on the stage because of the white dominance of mainstream theatre. This is the first time that some of these pieces have ever been performed. Students who come will be a part of history," Mitchell said.



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Political journalist Gwen Ifill spoke last Thursday about her experiences as a black female reporter then answered questions from the audience. Ifill's work experience includes time at the *Baltimore Sun* and the *Washington Post*. She is now the moderator and managing editor of *Washington Week* and senior correspondent for *The NewsHour* with Jim Lehrer. For the post-lecture interview with Ifill by *Greyhound* staffers Maureen Duffy and Michelle Betton, please visit www.loyolagreyhound.com.

Cursed will make you yelp and howl in agony

By KEVIN DUGAN
MOVIE CRITIC

Rating:
2 1/2 of 7 Dugans

"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." If this tagline from *Cursed* holds true, then I must be one strong mother after having seen it. Yet while I made it out of the movie alive, my hope for another good Wes Craven horror movie or frightening film in general has definitely been shot dead.

Wes Craven is the guy who brought you many horror movies, most notably the *Scream* trilogy. While the *Scream* movies are incredibly fun to watch (at least the first one anyway), Craven and the rest of horror movie directors seem to have lost whatever touch they once had. Recent abominations like *Hide and Seek*, *Darkness* and *The Boogeyman* are now brown stains on the previously clean record of the scare genre. Nowadays, people need to bring over Japanese creations like *The Ring* or *The Grudge* even to get a mild fright out of audiences, let alone entertain them for a couple of hours.



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In *Cursed*, Christina Ricci's actual talent in playing creepy roles is hampered by a ludicrous plot and an odd cast of characters.

The *Cursed* plot does a good job of remaining relatively simple. A brother and sister (Jesse Eisenberg and Christina Ricci) are on a drive home in Hollywood one lovely evening when they get into a crash. In the mess of the wreck, they get bitten by

a huge wolf-like creature (I'll ruin the movie and tell you it is a werewolf). After that, the siblings realize they are cursed and have to face retribution from the monster that could not finish the job off the first time ... with sexy results.

It is pretty tough to gauge the acting talent in the movie. Lord knows, Christina Ricci is cut out for creepy parts. The way she dealt with ghouls and ghosts in *Casper* and *Sleepy Hollow*, as well as being the most demented child imaginable as Wednesday of the Addams Family, show that she knows how to handle her horror. Having seen *Cursed* it seems as if now that

Ricci is doomed to have only been successful in this kind of role as a child or teen and not an adult.

Jesse Eisenberg, Ricci's little brother in the film, does surprisingly well. He has been in only a few films so far, but for having such little acting support in *Cursed* he does a great job of holding his own.

Having people like Joshua Jackson and Scott Baio showing you the acting ropes in your biggest movies to date is not exactly the ideal scenario for a young actor. Yes, you heard correctly, Scott-freaking-Baio. Eisenberg, though, gives a good performance in spite of the laughable acts given by Pacey and "Charles in Charge" himself.

The movie is really not what you'd expect it to be. The trailer makes it seem like you will be scared at every turn when really the movie aims more to be lighthearted humor with a simple backdrop of terror. Astoundingly, I did laugh a few times during the movie. The problem here, though, is that only half of my laughter was after a punch line. The other half I was questioning whether or not I had just seen the utterly ridiculous things I thought I had seen. A werewolf giving the middle finger to someone is pushing it just a little bit, at least in my eyes.

If you're a true fan of horror, stay home and wait for something better to come along. Fine, if you refuse to listen to me, then think of it this way: when was the last time you saw a Scott Baio movie that you liked? That's what I thought.

Kings of Leon album rocks

By TOM KOPR
MUSIC CRITIC



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Kings of Leon - *Aha Shake Heartbreak*
2005 RCA Records
★★★★ 1/4 (out of 5)

My first impression of the Kings of Leon went a little something like this: a smoke-filled barroom at Washington, D.C.'s 9:30 Club, grown sweltering hot with the breath of a hundred or so swaying hipsters, all tapping their feet and swinging their heads to the garage-rock beats laid down by four overly shaggy 20-something retro-rock wannabes.

It was an inferno, yet they wore leather jackets -- vintage, to match their faded boot-cut jeans and aging Gibson guitars -- and were oblivious to the heat emanating from the crowded floor.

It was loud -- loud enough that I missed most of the riffs and lyrics, drowned out as they were by earfuls of brassy percussion and the rumble of bass lines played on a Gibson EB-3 with more years than the man holding it.

It was fantastic. Employing a garage-rock mix of punchy instrumentals à la the Von Bondies and gruff, sing-song vocals that fall somewhere between Spoon and the Hold Steady, the Kings of Leon -- brothers Caleb, Jared, Nathan and cousin Matthew Followill -- put on one hell of a show.

I couldn't understand one word that came out of Caleb's mouth but damn if I didn't try to sing along with his slurred, Southern drawl.

Released in the States last week, *Aha Shake Heartbreak* is a remarkably well-constructed album and an admirable follow-

up to the Followills' 2003 debut, *Youth & Young Manhood*.

The Kings of Leon recorded their sophomore album "live" -- meaning a straight-through take for each song without any overdubs -- and have successfully recreated the gritty, frenetic fun of their live shows.

Aha's decidedly mature (e.g., sex, drugs and rock-n-roll) retro vibe is sure to please fans of '70s psych-rock, as well as hangers-on of similarly decadent bands like the Strokes.

The Kings of Leon have already garnered a handful of positive reviews in the UK, and enthusiastic reviews from British music critics are nothing to scoff at. Make no mistake: the Kings of Leon are well-near destined for commercial success. Songs like "Velvet Snow," "King of the Rodeo" and "Bucket" are sure to garner mainstream attention, driven as they are by Matthew's catchy hooks and Caleb's simple yet hypnotic vocals:

"Cancel the thing that I said I'd do/I don't feel comfortable talking to you/Less you got the zipper fixed on my shoe/Then I'll be in the lobby drinking for two."

But it's not all about rock-n-roll hedonism and non-stop partying. Honestly, the Followills need to sleep at some point. Calmer tracks like "Taper Jean Girl," "Milk," and "Razz" ease back a bit, relying instead on Jared's steady bass and Nathan's super-clean percussion to propel them onward. Despite the prevalence of the rhythm section, songs like "Re-memo" and "Soft" are by no means devoid of Matthew's licks and Caleb's vocal antics. While not the most varied act around, the Kings of Leon do venture into the realm of retrospective acoustic rock (though only once) with "Day Old Blues":

"Low and behold things are killing me/Silly expectations of a dream/Girls are gonna love the way I toss my hair/Boys are gonna hate the way I seem."

The Kings of Leon may not be the most original band to break into the scene since the garage-rock explosion of the late 90's, but they're by no means a paltry knock-off of the Velvet Underground.

Diehard Strokes fans may find nothing groundbreaking, but if you enjoy bands that recreate the rock-n-roll debauchery of the 1970s, you're sure to find something to like in *Aha Shake Heartbreak*.

JASON LAM'S LATEST PICKS



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Lucero's latest album, *That Much Further West*, has garnered praise from critics.

Lucero

Location: Memphis, Tenn.

Label: TigerStyle Records

You would never guess that lead singer/guitarist Ben Nichols never picked up a guitar before starting Lucero in 1998. Their sound is reminiscent of the No Depression era style of Son Volt, Wilco, and Ryan Adams. *Rolling Stone* called Lucero's latest album, *That Much Further West*, as the "country album the Replacements never made." The band is currently on tour across America. Unfortunately, they already played in Baltimore a few weeks back. I was in attendance, and they are much better live than on record. If you like Tom Waits but also can't get enough of your old Clash records, then Lucero is what you've been looking for.

Reggie and the Full Effect

Location: Lawrence, Kan.

Label: Vagrant Records

Divorce has obviously had its up sides for the Get Up Kids keyboardist James DeWees. Besides currently touring full time as New Found Glory's keyboardist, DeWees is set to release Reggie's fourth full-length, *Songs Not To Get Married To*, on March 28. In light of a messy divorce, DeWees and company have pumped out 13 heavy dance songs about, you guessed it: divorce! But don't get it twisted; Reggie and the Full Effect aren't about being whiny and bitter. They are harder and heavier than ever on tracks like "The Truth" but are just as melodic on tracks like "Caving" and "Get Well Soon." They are currently on tour with New Found Glory and my personal favorites, Easley. They are playing two dates at the 9:30 club (Washington, DC) on March 23-24.

Nintendo gives sneak preview of game releases

By STEVE RAWCZAK
STAFF WRITER

The last year has been interesting for Nintendo. Though the GameCube does not have the market share of the Playstation 2, sales of the Game Boy Advance SP -- and recently the DS -- have been insane, and though the debut of the Playstation Portable looms at the end of next month, the higher-ups at Nintendo of America seem largely unthreatened by it.

Why should they be, considering that Nintendo basically owns the entire portable gaming market, which accounts for more than a fifth of the console game market? The Game Boy has been around for years, has enjoyed immense success and support and has gone through countless revisions and refinements.

I was recently given the opportunity to attend a college press event at NOA headquarters in Seattle, Wash., which included a day of marketing presentations as well as hours of gameplay with some very hot just-released titles and some highly anticipated ones.

Nintendo has a unique marketing position: with the introduction of innovative, interactive video game products, such as the bongos for the new Donkey Kong games or the DS, marketing involves a different approach than simply flooding targeted television stations with

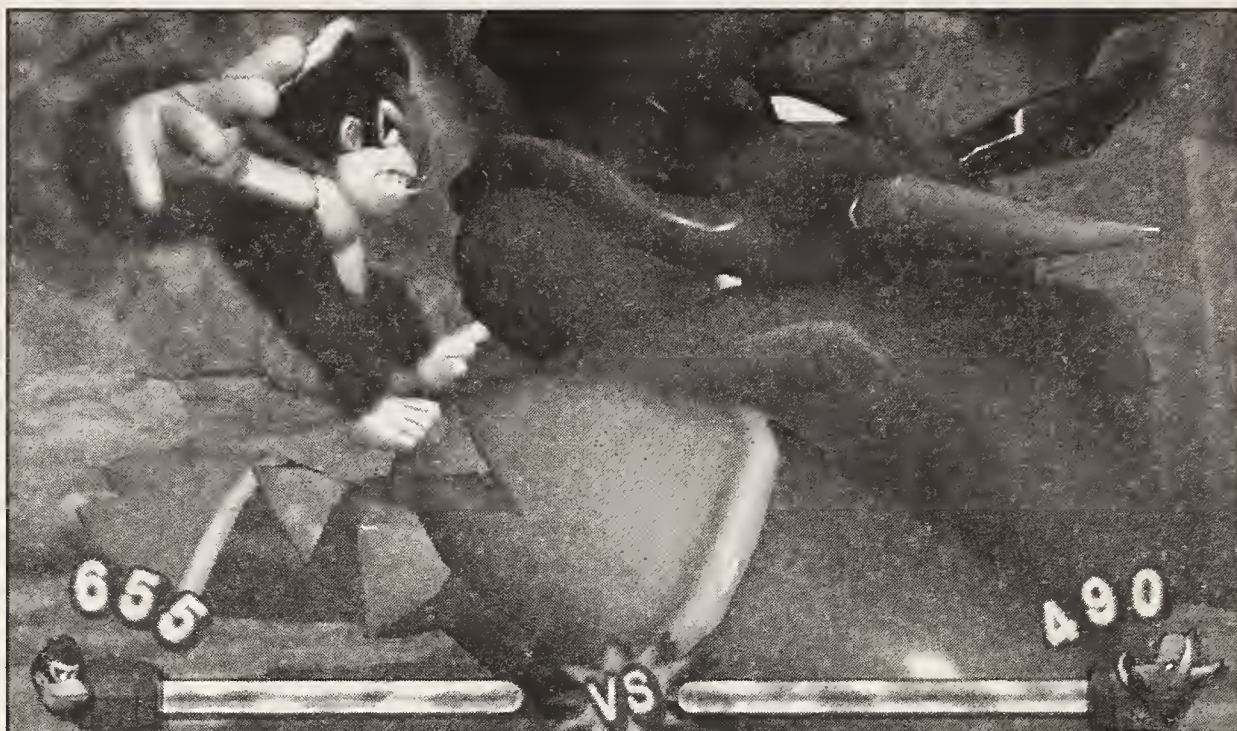


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The newest "Donkey Kong" game gives you the option to control it by playing bongos.

advertising. The consumer has to be able to experience the products to understand their entertainment value and the originality of the product.

To facilitate this, Nintendo has launched the Nintendo Street Team, which travels the country in SUV's full of games and systems allowing potential customers to get hands-on with the product.

Nintendo has a commitment to its stars, the mascots and franchises that everybody loves. We grew up with (Mario, Metroid, Zelda, Star Fox, Pokemon, etc.). Nintendo is very proud of the choices it has made recently, such

as contracting out certain games from these franchises to second- and third-party developers (such as Retro Studios' designing "Metroid Prime" 1 and 2 or Sega designing "F-Zero G/X").

Nintendo has done an excellent job selecting the right designer for the right franchise, and as a result, previously unknown studios such as Retro have become a major focus of the video game scene because of their successes with such monumental undertakings.

"Donkey Kong: Jungle Beat"

I can't wait to get my hands on this game. The bongo-controlled

platformer took about two minutes to get used to, and I was grabbing bananas and beating the hell out of monkeys. The visuals are bright and colorful, and the animations are fantastic. This game is a blast; I would recommend it to fans of any game genre. "Jungle Beat" debuts on March 14, available at two price points: \$55 with bongos included and \$40 without. Get the bongos.

"StarFox: Assault"

This Namco-developed follow-up to "StarFox64" is a half-return to the original play mechanic from "StarFox Adventures." The

Arwing linear flight missions are a blast, and the game is gorgeous, but the on-foot missions are tedious and confusing. Fortunately, the flight missions are so much fun it warrants enduring the others to get to them. Graphically, this game is gorgeous, and I recommend it for you StarFox fans.

"Resident Evil 4"

This is the holy grail of GameCube games to own until the new "Legend of Zelda" game comes out late this year. Finally the fixed camera perspective is gone; the over-the-shoulder, completely 3D movement system works flawlessly, and the atmosphere is superbly creepy. The game is well paced and can be quite difficult. Ammo can get tight at times, and enemies take multiple shots, even to the head, to take down. This game is survival horror at its finest, and aside from "Jungle Beat," the game I spent the most time playing.

"WarioWare: Touched"

If you have never played a WarioWare game before, they consist of many rapid-fire mini games. "WarioWare: Touched" for the DS boasts 180 quickly-paced mini games, all completely interactive, utilizing the system's touch screen and microphone. A warning: This game is highly addictive. My six-hour cross-country plane ride flew by because I could not put Wario down.

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Campus Min puts improvisational spin on *Godspell*

BY RAINA FIELDS
STAFF WRITER

As part of the Lenten Evenings of Reflection, Campus Ministry presented the musical *Godspell* on Thursday, Feb. 24 through Saturday, Feb. 26.

This year, Campus Ministry decided to do something a little different when planning the Lenten Evenings of Reflection. In order to make the program more relevant and attractive to students, the reflection evenings were broken down into three different programs -- one intellectual, one art program and finally a preaching program.

These events were kicked off on Feb. 15 with a lecture by Catherine Alvara, a professor at Catholic University of America, who spoke about life issues. Acting as the drama or art program for the reflection evenings was the production of *Godspell*, and Tuesday, March 15 will mark the date for the Rev. Ray East's "Broken and Blessed: Lent as a time for reflecting on brokenness as a path to healing and wholeness," which served as the preaching aspect.

Written by John Michael Tebelak with lyrics and music by Stephen Schwartz, *Godspell* acts as a gentle parody of the Gospel of Matthew. The musical features a series of highly recognizable songs, including "Day By Day" and "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord."

The show began with the darkening of the Alumni Chapel. Voices enter the chapel, while the cast walks around spouting quotes about morals. Finally these chaotic voices cease. John the Baptist, played by Daniel Walker, enters and the Gospel of

Matthew begins.

Godspell takes the viewer through Jesus' life as presented in the gospel, greatly focusing on his teachings and parables. The most memorable parables presented, included the Pharisees and the tax collector, the Good Samaritan, Prodigal son and the mustard seed.

Although *Godspell* follows Christ throughout his ministry and teaching, the musical has a greater significance. Pete Rogers, the choreographer and director of spiritual development in Campus Ministry said, "[The musical] is a prayerful experience not a performance. [People in attendance] are not an audience, but an assembly." Rogers made the point that the musical was done in service to a greater good. He hopes that the musical moves people to "transition internally."

One interesting concept was the choice of location. The musical was held in the Alumni Chapel -- the first time for a production of this scale.

The props and costumes were very modest. The lack of technology gave the musical more symbolic significance. Rogers referred to many props as "clumsy."

There were many allusions to pop icons and current events, including *Gone with the Wind*, Marilyn Monroe's singing of "Happy Birthday, Mr. President," Marvin Gaye, Jerry Springer and Tyrone's Chicken.

Overall, the musical displayed a very spiritual significance but also was fun. Audience participation allowed all to enjoy the show by singing along.

"Fr. Gary Orr's style allows people, within parameters to be who they are," Rogers said. In addition, improvisation by the cast made



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The cast of *Godspell* performed many ensemble songs during the performance including "Light of the World" and "Day by Day."

many of the scenes seem more spontaneous and real. Others also recognize this loose format within the script. James Porter, who played the part of Jesus, said, "There was freedom to update and change the script to play better to a modern audience." This aspect allows the musical to come across better to the audience.

"[The] script is blocked but free to play. [It is] not very constrictive but open to interpretation, at times very chaotic," said freshman cast member Alyssa Porambo.

On the whole, this free form was given structure from a good base of Biblical fact. Among other things, the show emphasizes community. Although it was a reflective piece, it was also an ensemble piece

stressing the importance of togetherness.

Musically, *Godspell* included accompaniment from an intimate ensemble of instrumentation. It borrowed music from many different genres, including jazz, blues, pop and rock. Sometimes the musical almost played like a story of romance between the Lord and his disciples.

"I want people to walk away more in love with God and to transform internally. [If we've done that] then we have been helpful," Rogers said.

Rogers described the show in four words: "simple, elegant, energetic, and passionate."

Godspell was directed by Orr and George Miller, the associate director of Campus Ministry, who acted as the musical director.

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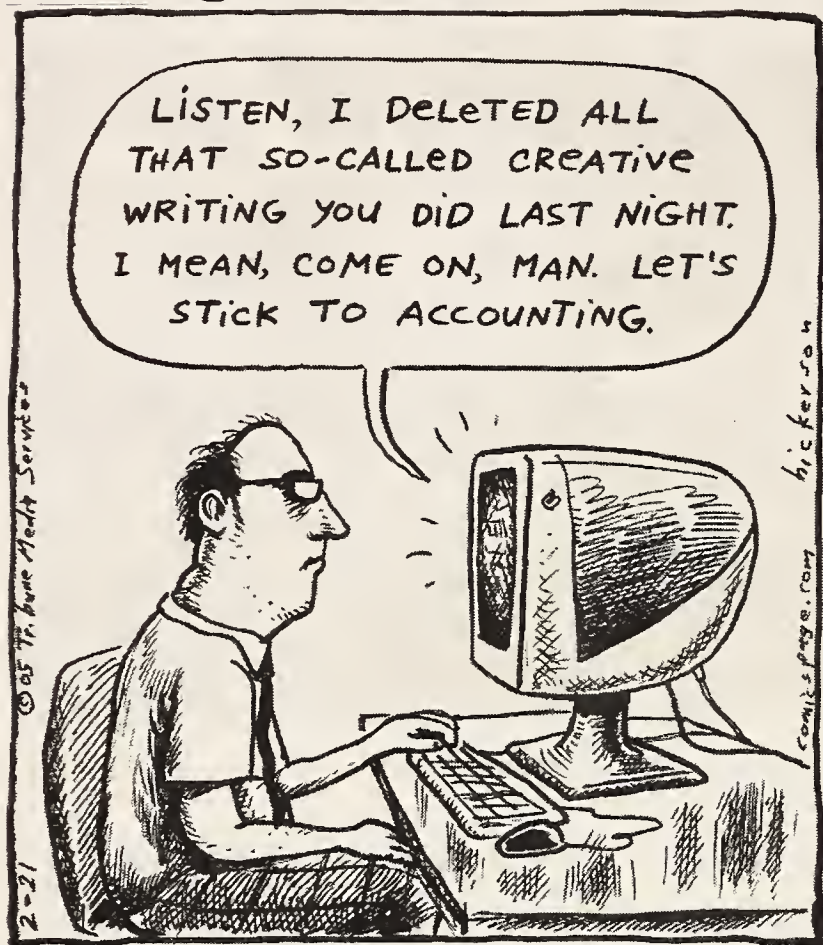
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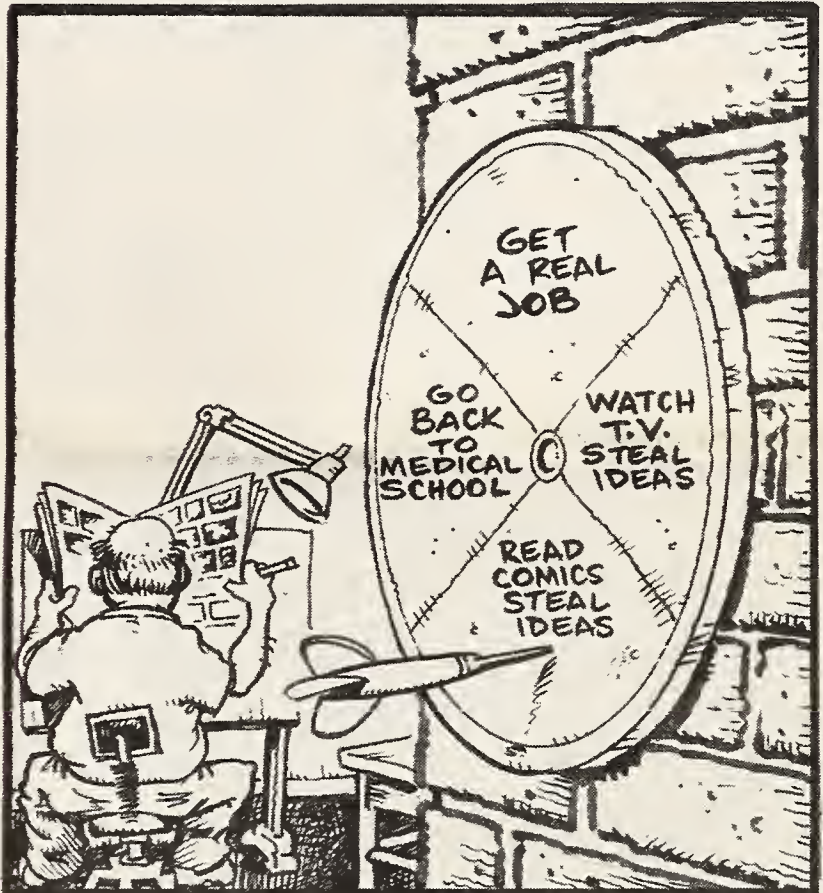
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You Are Here By Aaron Warner



I start everyday by reading the paper.

Aries (March 21-April 20) Physical vitality and romantic interest will increase over the next 12 days: early this week, some

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Over the next 12 days, many Geminis will receive delayed payments or secure a secondary source of

income. Later this week, a friend may announce unexpected travel or educational plans. Restlessness and

social isolation are a key influence: remain patient and ask probing questions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Before Thursday, a close friend or lover may offer misinformation or vague invitations. Romantic triangles, private resentments and ongoing social disputes will now create tension. Do your best to encourage group harmony: over the next four days, loved ones will follow your emotional guidance.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Authority figures will this week carefully examine workplace skill and performance. Friday through Sunday, a recently shy acquaintance may offer an unexpected

HOROSCOPES By Lasha Seniuk/KRT

Aries natives may begin controversial relationships or adopt new health regimes. If so, family members will soon request detailed explanations: remain calm and carefully consider the established habits of loved ones.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) New friends and lovers now provide unique insights into their private thoughts or dreams. Although unrealistic, fresh concepts will eventually become workable: expect loved ones to alter to their long-term goals or lifestyles. After Friday, romantic decisions are needed. Someone close may fear deeper commitment: offer reassurance and concrete intentions.

romantic overture. If so, remain detached: complex social politics are involved.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Long-term romance is a top priority over the next few days: after Tuesday, expect lovers or potential partners to ask for greater involvement in private decisions and family events. Don't disappoint: group acceptance and planned celebrations will now help move key relationships forward.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) After Friday, many Librans will begin a powerful phase of social and romantic charisma. New sensuality and short-term relationships may be difficult to resist: stay balanced.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Team projects will now subtly establish new workplace roles. Before mid-week, study the actions or comments of older colleagues for valuable clues. If so, remain diplomatic and watch for outbursts: hidden resentments may be in operation. Friday through Sunday, friends or

relatives may be temporarily moody.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Quiet flirtations and seductive invitations will prove distracting before mid-week. At present, brief love affairs are highly favored and may arrive from unlikely sources. Remain cautious, however, concerning the romantic overtures of new business partners, clients or customers: this is not the right time to take emotional risks in the workplace.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Early this week, a close friend may request delicate romantic or family advice. Long-term promises, complex personality traits or emotional regrets may be at issue. Encourage slow solutions and careful planning: sudden social changes will not produce the desired result.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Tuesday through Friday, a long-term friend or romantic partner may need to publicly discuss their private social mistakes or romantic

regrets. Avoid offering advice: passions are unusually high.

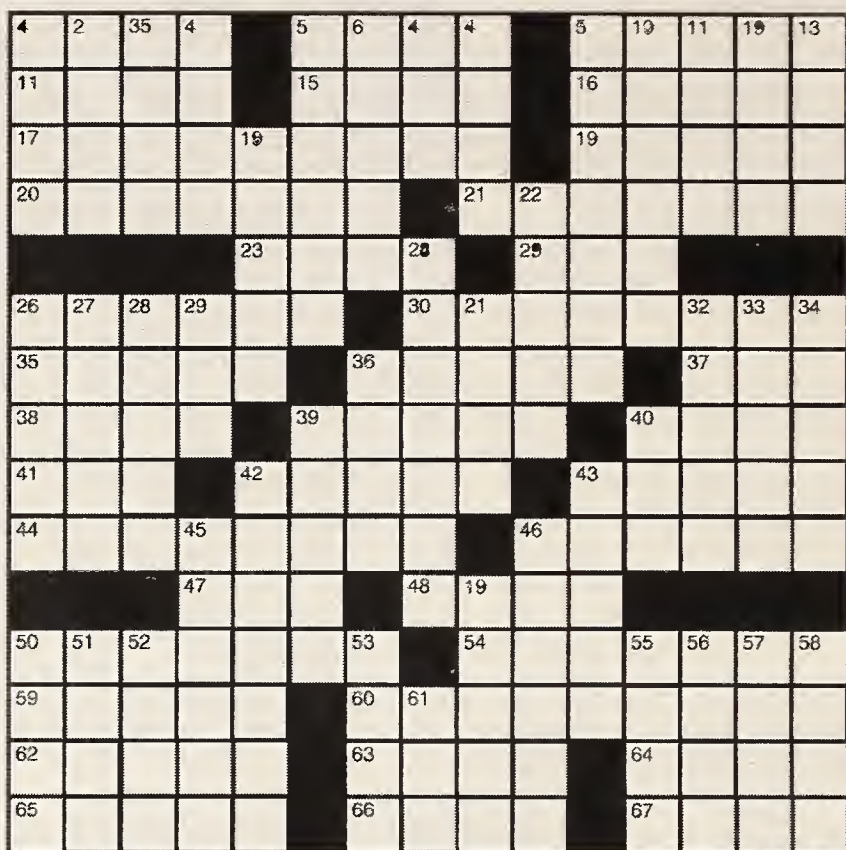
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Social anxiety is now easing: over the next four days expect friends or potential lovers to ask probing questions or discuss private information. Take all such revelations as a compliment: trust, intimacy and shared emotional goals will soon improve romantic relationships.

If your birthday is this week ... Over the next six to seven weeks, the business disagreements of the past will be easily resolved: check and recheck vital documents for new ideas. After mid-May, watch also for a rare opportunity to travel or study: throughout much of 2005, many Pisceans will expand their worldly awareness, accept complex business assignments and adopt new workplace skills. June through early September also highlight dramatic romantic attractions and quick changes of marital status. Remain dedicated to established lifestyle goals and all will be well.

Crossword

- 1 Closed
- 5 Young whale
- 9 Stingers
- 14 Fail to win
- 15 One woodwind
- 16 Fred's dancing sister
- 17 In the highest place
- 19 Y, sometimes
- 20 Wrongdoing
- 21 Everlasting
- 23 Caesar's unlucky day
- 25 Mine's yield
- 26 Poorly groomed
- 30 Overcast
- 35 La Scala's city
- 36 Rescued
- 37 Fish eggs
- 38 Slaughter of Cooperstown
- 39 Sufficiently polite
- 40 Indulge to excess
- 41 Gone by
- 42 Seeped
- 43 Web locations
- 44 Change candidate?
- 46 Withdraw formally
- 47 For shame!
- 48 Mournful wail
- 50 Fabric with a slight sheen
- 54 Allspice
- 59 Tuckered out
- 60 Actor Maurice
- 62 Respond to a stimulus
- 63 Fabled also-ran
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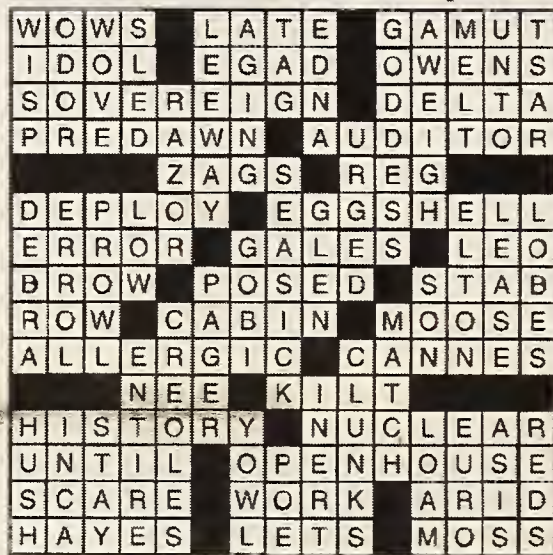
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- 1 Urban blight
- 2 Navajo's neighbor
- 3 Letter-carriers' grp.
- 4 ___ off (angry)
- 5 Laughing matter
- 6 Dwelling place
- 7 ___ Alamos, NM
- 8 Festive gala



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Solutions to last week's puzzle



- 45 Work room
- 46 Turn on a pivot
- 49 "Aida," e.g.
- 50 Biblical weed
- 51 Pub choices
- 52 Apartment in London

- 53 Persistent pain
- 55 Vivacity
- 56 1492 ship
- 57 Camp shelter
- 58 Nabisco favorite
- 61 Hedda's topper

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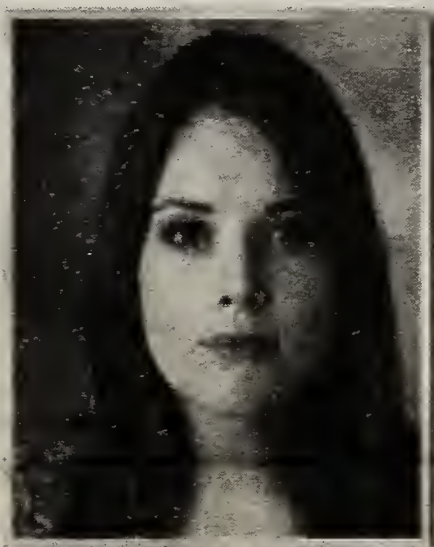
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As basketball heats up, so do roundball debates

The sports world is about to catch the Madness. Who's going to come out on top?

Pete

As we enter the month of March or, as I like to call it, Nirvana, not only do we get about two weeks off from school, not only do we get Championship Week (where everyone from the MAAC to the ACC throws down for a bid to the big dance), we get the tournament that college football fans

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dream of: No more AP and coaches polls, just 65 teams and six straight wins. The winner can jump around the court, cut down the nets, and Jim Nantz and Billy Packer can cry as CBS plays "One Shining Moment."

This year the field is wide open after the Big Three -- Illinois, North Carolina and Wake Forest have stumbled, and the next 25 teams could make it to the Final Four. The Crimson Tide from Alabama are going to be this year's dark horse.

They are a tough team with oodles of talent. Last year was rough for 'Bama as they sank from No. 1 to barely making the tournament. But this year they are sitting on the top of the west division of the SEC with a 21-5 record and are ranked 15th in the polls. Alabama is a team that can easily go on a run and blow teams out of the water like No. 19 Mississippi St. (which they won 97-49), as well as Georgia and South Carolina. This team is dangerous and can make a run at the title.

John

A contender in the NCAA Tournament from the SEC? Please. This year's tourney dark horse will be none other than the Panthers of Pittsburgh, who, among other accolades, boast a 93-57 victory over our own Greyhounds. Every year a team that looks to be middle of the road from either the ACC or Big East goes a lot farther in the bracket than expected.

This year's Big East competition is heating up, with Boston College and Villanova enjoying resurgences. Though the Panthers took a tough loss from West Virginia last week, come tournament time they will be battle-tested and ready to roll. Carl Krauser, a player almost as underrated as www.fistpumps.com, can take them into the Elite Eight at the very least.

Though they lack a leader like Brandin Knight, Chevon Troutman and Chris Taft gives Pitt that ever-valuable duo who can



DEAN RUTZ/SEATTLE TIMES

Earnest Shelton has tasted tournament victory before with this win over Southern Illinois in last year's NAAs. Can he do it again?

create an inside presence, not too dissimilar to Georgetown's "Twin Tower" days of Dikembe Mutombo and Alonzo Mourning. When you play Syracuse twice and beat them both times, you have potential in my book.

Pete

Now I am a Big East guy, and I understand that the Big East is the most complete conference this year, and they will do some damage in this tournament. Villanova is going to knock off a big name and so is Georgetown if they can sneak in, but Pittsburgh? They may get into the Sweet 16 if the stars are aligned, but I don't like their chances.

Are Big East teams battle-tested? Sure. Are they worn down? Probably. ESPN calls it "Big Monday" for a reason; it's because every week, you can turn on the T.V. and find Syracuse, Notre Dame, Rutgers, UConn and all the rest beating the crap out of each other.

Meanwhile, Alabama has the speed and a press that will wear down their opponents. They are winners of 10 of their last 13 and should have beaten a very good Kentucky team last Saturday. This team is just waiting to have a huge March and is a squad that should find themselves in the Final Four behind veteran players Kennedy Winston and Earnest Shelton.

John

Considering that Alabama did lose to Vanderbilt this year, how could they go to the Final Four? Pitt has lost some tough games, including dropping one to UConn this weekend, but the competition they play week in and week out is much better than Alabama. They have played UConn and Syracuse twice and will play their second game against Notre Dame this week. Meanwhile 'Bama plays Ole Miss and Tennessee. You better believe that when the Panthers get into crunch time in March that they will be happy to have played those tough squads, even though they have dropped their share of conference games.

C-Webb has ditched Sacto for Philly, but is he, and not AI, the real "Answer" for the Sixers?

John

Last week's trade deadline came with a lot of action, but not many of the trades were "blockbusters" as the experts would say. The biggest trade of the week was one involving Chris Webber leaving the Maloof brothers and Sacramento behind and heading to AI's neighborhood in Philly. The other players in the deal were basically reserves packaged to allow Mr. No-Timeouts-Left to move over to the Eastern Conference.

For the first time in his career, Iverson will have a dominant player to share the spotlight with, and maybe he won't be criticized as much, that is as long as he goes to practice. But can Webber's presence on the 76ers make Philly a contender this year?

With Philadelphia currently in second place in the (yawn) Atlantic Division, there is no doubt that they should be able to move up to first place and coast to the division title if the Webber-Iverson union clicks. With the exception of the Heat, the East is still wide open, and any team that gets hot at the right time can make a huge playoff push.

Webber needs to quickly create some chemistry with the Philly players, and could take them deep into the playoffs. Though they don't have the talent to be a title contender this season, they could upset a team like Orlando or Washington. Philly fans might have to stop their booing if the Sixers can start dominating this weak division.

Pete

This year is the Celtics' year. That's right; they'll finish at 42-40, beating out the Sixers for the final playoff spot (which ends up being the third seed). Why is this going to

happen, you ask? First of all, if recent history can teach us anything, it is that Philly cannot beat a New England team. And, second of all, Webber can barely walk, and Allen Iverson is now forced to play another elite baller, which he has never been asked to do. I know you are going to say, "Well he is in the top 10 in assists this year," but he is still the show. At the very least, it will be interesting to see how his ego plays out in this scenario.

I am willing to bet the current value of Ryan Leaf (or a candy bar, depending on which is more) that AI and Webber will not give them the push everyone expects, sort of like Vince Carters impact on Jason Kidd. Not to mention that Antoine Wakhah is back in Boston, and according to the psychics out there, Payton is on his way back too. With Walker, Pierce, the next big thing in the NBA, Al Jefferson (give him three years) and possibly Gary Payton, this team will not only win at home but on the road.

John

Yeah, Webber can barely walk and averages over 20 points per game. You're right. Though C-Webb fell short in this weekend's game against the Kings, remember that this is a marathon and not a sprint. If Kyle Korver can continue the level of play he has exhibited during the season so far, throwing in his complementary buckets when he needs to and knocking down threes, the Sixers are a shoe-in for the division this year. Boston will have to play better than .500 ball the rest of the way to get to your magic number of 42 wins, and with their upcoming schedule of the Lakers, Minnesota, Detroit and Washington, that doesn't look likely.

Pete

Understanding that the Sixers have loaded up and Kyle Korver is playing well, I cannot buy the idea that this team is not going to fall apart. Webber, or C-Webb as you kids like to call him, did have problems with the Kings, and Iverson has always been a lightning rod. I am sure they will make a nice run, but I cannot see them overtaking the Pierce/Walker duo.

Every time Celtics President Danny Angie makes a move people just shake their heads. But remember, he did play with Larry Bird, or at least watched him from the bench with Bill Walton, so he does know what good basketball looks like. Beyond being the abstract leader of a franchise who has pulled together a playoff team, Ainge brought in basketball's equivalent of Jimmy Carter in Doc Rivers.

Rivers is not only the best color guy that the NBA has seen since Marv Albert bit a hooker's back, but he is capable of turning around a franchise that he picked up in shambles. He has shown the ability to bring along young players, and it won't be long before he shows the ability to turn Allen Iverson into Donovan McNabb.

Men's Basketball									
Team	MAAC				Overall				Streak
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT		
Niagara	13	5	.722	-	18	9	.666	Lost 1	
Rider	13	5	.722	-	17	10	.630	Won 2	
Fairfield	11	7	.611	2	14	14	.500	Won 2	
St. Peter's	10	8	.556	3	15	12	.556	Won 1	
Iona	9	9	.500	4	13	15	.464	Won 1	
Manhattan	9	9	.500	4	14	13	.519	Lost 1	
Canisius	8	10	.444	5	10	17	.370	Won 2	
Marist	8	10	.444	5	11	16	.407	Lost 3	
LOYOLA	5	13	.278	8	6	21	.222	Lost 4	
Siena	4	14	.222	9	6	23	.207	Lost 1	

Women's Basketball									
Team	MAAC				Overall				Streak
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT		
Marist	15	3	.833	-	21	6	.778	Won 15	
Canisius	14	4	.778	1	18	9	.666	Won 3	
Niagara	11	7	.611	4	16	11	.593	Won 2	
Fairfield	9	9	.500	6	11	16	.407	Lost 2	
Siena	9	9	.500	6	12	15	.444	Won 1	
LOYOLA	9	9	.500	6	10	17	.370	Lost 1	
St. Peter's	7	11	.389	8	11	16	.407	Won 1	
Manhattan	6	12	.333	9	10	17	.370	Lost 4	
Rider	6	12	.333	9	8	19	.421	Lost 2	
Iona	4	14	.222	11	6	21	.222	Lost 1	

LC going to Penn State

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with a heavy overhand shot.

Spack gave Loyola its first lead of the day six minutes later when he picked up a loose ball at the top of Towson's box, rolled out of traffic and put another 15-yard shot past Sothoron.

Engleke, one of the biggest surprises of 2004 with his breakout freshman season, got onto the board 51 seconds into the second quarter when he took a pass from Bacon, who again managed to slither through Loyola defenders before passing the ball.

Despite the seven goals he allowed, including one empty-net goal at game's end when Loyola was doubling to regain possession, Fretwell's 19-save performance was a career-high. Coming on in the second half of last year's game in Towson and making 10 saves, Fretwell emerged as the Hounds' best option in net five games into the year and has played solidly since.

"They had the ball a lot today, which gave me the opportunity to make saves," Fretwell said. "I just tried to play the game the way I play any game. We turned the ball over, which hurt us. We couldn't clear the ball, and we just played sloppy."

Helping Towson to dominate possession and control the ball as well as the pace of the game was sophomore midfielder Matt Eckerl, who won 11 of 15 faceoffs on the day. Coming into the year as an honorable mention All-American, Eckerl won draws

forward and backward, continually creating chances and keeping pressure on the Greyhound defenders.

"When your faceoff man controls like ours does, and Eckerl was outstanding today, you get the ball back and that can help to change momentum quickly," Seaman said. "And he was going against a team that's coached by one of the best faceoff guys ever, so you know they're well taught."

Loyola now looks to regroup and heads to Penn State Saturday in their first conference game since joining the ECAC. The Nittany Lions are 1-1 after an early season win over Ohio State and a 14-6 loss at home against Notre Dame on Sunday.

"We've got a great opportunity next week," Dirrigl said. "We have to learn how to travel. Last year we got a win early and didn't do anything with it. Hopefully we'll learn from films, grow up a little bit and mature, and be a better team next week when we play Penn State."

Following the trip to Penn State, Loyola returns home to host Marist on March 8 and then travels to Duke March 12. The Red Foxes dropped their first game of the season against Lehigh 17-11. Duke has won their first two games and came into the season ranked 13th in the nation. The Blue Devils are led by junior midfielder Matt Zash and sophomore attackman Matt Danowski. Loyola will look to revenge last year's 11-3 loss in Baltimore.

Men's hoops heads to Buffalo

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knocked down a three of his own at 11:42 of the second half, Loyola closed the margin to 48-46, but that was as close as it got.

Drawing on an exceptional 44-point effort from their bench, Fairfield was able to push the lead to a safe distance, staying near eight points for the rest of the game.

Corrigan finished with 20 points to lead Loyola and chipped in seven rebounds as well. Terrence Todd and Michael Bell led Fairfield with 15 points. Gai, meanwhile, who recorded a triple-double the first time the two teams met, finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds to go with his six blocks.

Last Thursday, Loyola dropped their final home game of the regular season, 67-55, to Siena, in front of a large and raucous crowd on Senior Night.

The Hounds got off to a good start, playing even with the Saints early. Junior guard Charlie Bell's eight first half points helped to keep Loyola close, especially his buzzer-beating layup that cut the Siena lead at 29-28 at halftime.

Another Farrell three tied the score at 40 with 14:30 remaining in the game. After the scoring slowed over the next 10 minutes, Loyola found themselves trailing 55-49 with four minutes remaining, but their inability to get a basket after several defensive stops

allowed Siena to escape with the win.

"It was a disappointing game because I didn't think we even played that badly, we just couldn't hit shots," Loyola head coach Jimmy Patsos said. "The crowd was great, we had already beaten them, and it could have been a big win to close out the season at home."

Loyola shot only 35 percent from the floor, including a 29 percent effort in the second half.

"At some point you need to make shots, or you're not going to win games," Patsos said. "And, I don't know why, but we couldn't hit shots."

The Hounds were led by sophomore guard Shane James' 13 points, while Allen pulled down 10 rebounds.

Guard Jack McClinton finished with 18 points for Siena, including a pair of big shots down the stretch.

Finishing the regular season 6-21 and 5-13 in the MAAC, Loyola has improved largely on their 1-27 record from 2004 in Patsos' first season as head coach. He now hopes that improvement will continue and translate into a win at the tournament.

"The MAAC is a tough conference, and anybody can win the tournament," Patsos said. "And especially this year, it seems to be wide open."



Loyola seniors were treated to their final home basketball game last Thursday at "The Track." The experience was so heartbreaking that many held an impromptu sit-in at center court after the game.

THE GREYHOUND ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



SPORTS INFORMATION

Junior

Michael Fretwell

In Loyola men's lacrosse team's first game of the 2005 season, junior goaltender Michael Fretwell recorded 19 saves in a 7-5 loss to Towson. Aided by a strong effort from defensemen Grant Halford, Matt Dupuis and Dan Gross, among others, Fretwell made a number of big saves, holding highly touted attackmen Jon Engelke and Bobby Griebbe to one goal each.

The 19 saves are a career-high for Fretwell, but didn't make a serious run at Loyola's all-time record for saves in a game, 28, held by Tim McGreeney. By game's end, Fretwell's presence was deterring Towson attackers, who finished the game with 41 shots.

Fretwell is in his second year as a starter for the Hounds and looks to be the answer to Loyola's search for consistency in goal. Fretwell made 105 saves in 2004, saving 53 percent of all shots.

Sexual Diversity Awareness Week

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Sophomore Shane James looks on as junior Josko Alujevic lays in a bucket against Siena last week. The Hounds closed out their regular season Saturday, finishing 6-21 overall and 5-13 in the MAAC.

Hounds slide into MAACs

BY TERRY FOY
SPORTS EDITOR

Loyola's men's basketball team backed into the MAAC Tournament with a pair of losses this weekend, assuring themselves of the ninth seed and a rematch against sixth-seeded Manhattan on Friday in Buffalo.

Making the trip to Connecticut for a showdown with Deng Gai and the Fairfield Stags, Loyola fell 67-59 in a hotly-contested season finale that saw a number of

questionable calls and flared tempers.

Coming into the game thin on personnel, with junior guard Linton Hinds on the sidelines for the last five games with an ankle injury, freshman forward Freddie Stanback slowed due to illness and freshman forward George Bouindas out with a wrist injury, the Hounds looked to get scoring from anywhere possible.

Senior center Sean Corrigan, who has been a solid outside threat for the Greyhounds all

season, got off to a good start, opening the game with one of his four three-pointers en route to a 7-0 Loyola lead.

"I thought we played pretty well," Stanback said. "It just wasn't our game with the refs and everybody hurt."

Fairfield had an answer, however, and it took a three-pointer at the buzzer from freshman guard Brad Farrell to cut the Stags' lead to 36-30 at halftime. When senior forward Bernard Allen

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Stags bust three-game streak

BY BRADY FITZGERALD
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team looked to continue their winning ways going into the MAAC Tournament Saturday as the Hounds were at Fairfield in their final regular season game. The Greyhounds looked to avenge their 68-54 loss to the Stags from Jan. 30 at Reitz Arena.

The Greyhounds went on a 12-5 run midway through the first half to open a 21-16 lead. The Stags responded with a run of their own, ending the half on a 13-4 run and

with lead 33-28.

Fairfield came out strong in the second half and never looked back. The Stags led by as much as 20 points and went on to win the game 74-57.

Junior forward Jackie Valderas led the Greyhounds with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Junior forward Lauren Troupe contributed with 12 points and six rebounds.

The Stags were led by Janelle McManus who scored 25 points on 9-15 shooting. Cathy Dash added 10 points and 11 rebounds.

With the win the Stags snapped the Greyhound's three-game winning streak and put them at 11-16 overall and 9-9 in the MAAC.

Last Thursday, the Greyhounds were at Rider. The Greyhounds dominated the first half, ending the half on an 8-1 run. They shot an astonishing 63.6 percent from the field in the first half and led 33-14. Junior Katie Scherle led Loyola with eight first half points.

The Broncs battled back in the second half going on an 18-8 run and cutting the Loyola lead to 42-32. However, that was as close as the Broncs would come as the Greyhounds put away Rider 62-49. The Hounds swept the season series with the Broncs.

Loyola's offense was led by junior forward Jackie Valderas and sophomore Jill Glessner both scoring 14 points and nine rebounds for Valderas and eight for Glessner respectively. Junior

guard Krystle Harrington scored six points and added seven rebounds and eight assists.

The loss drops Rider to 8-18 overall and 6-11 in conference play.

"We don't know who we are going to play yet in the tournament but we have to win four in a row," said Lauren Troupe. "We are probably going to finish fifth or sixth in the MAAC, depending on tonight's games. It is definitely going to be tough to win four in a row because every team is there to win, so everyone is going to be playing their very best."

The Greyhounds finished the regular season with a 10-17 overall record and 9-9 in MAAC play. The regular season was a disappointment for the Greyhounds after finishing 14-15 last season and being picked in the preseason to win the MAAC.

The Hounds still have a chance to win the MAAC and earn a bid to the NCAA tournament. The MAAC tournament is March 3-7 at HSBC Arena in Buffalo, New York.

"I don't view the season as a disappointment. I think the season was more of a learning experience for us than a disappointment," Troupe said. "To go from finishing fifth last season to being picked first this season was a great compliment, but we didn't earn the honor to be picked first. That's why I don't think we're overrated. We did go from fifth to first."

Towson gets better of Loyola in opener

BY TERRY FOY
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite an impressive effort that saw Loyola's men's lacrosse team rely on an inspired performance by junior goalkeeper Michael Fretwell and timely scoring, the Hounds dropped their season opener to crosstown rival Towson 7-5 last Saturday.

The Greyhounds found themselves trailing 4-2 with just under 10 minutes to play in the third quarter after Towson attackman Steve Mull found himself with a free lane to the cage due to a defensive slip by Loyola's man-down squad.

Needing a spark, sophomore long-stick midfielder Steven Hess answered the call with 5:16 left in the third by gaining possession outside of Loyola's box and taking the ball the length of the field before finishing on an eight-yard shot that beat Towson's preseason All-American goalie Reed Sothoron.

"They had the momentum there," said Towson head coach Tony Seaman. "We finally got the goal to go up 4-2, and then the defenseman goes the length of the field, and before you know it they're up 5-4, so it was huge."

One minute later, sophomore midfielder Cory Coffman drew the game even when he took a pass from senior Craig Georgalas and beat Sothoron low and inside with a hard left-handed shot from 15 yards out.

Loyola's defense tightened to close out the period with seniors Grant Halford and Matt Dupuis effectively shutting Towson's dangerous attack tandem of Jon Engelke and Bobby Griebel. The Tigers were continually forced into difficult shots that were effectively handled by Fretwell, who stopped 19 shots on the day, including 10 in the second half.

"I thought our defense played extremely well," said Loyola head coach Bill Dirrigl. "They had the

ball the whole game, and our character came out time after time. But when you don't execute, you don't give yourselves a chance."

Part of Loyola's quality defensive day was limiting Towson to 1-8 on man-up chances, including a pair of 30-second technical penalties to start the fourth quarter.

Though the Greyhounds were only 2-7 in extra-man opportunities themselves, they got an important goal with 10:19 left in the game when sophomore attackman Pat Kennedy put a 12-yard shot into Sothoron's chest that senior Pat Shek rebounded and put over the Towson keeper's shoulder.

The lead was short-lived, however, when Towson midfielder Casey Cittadino picked up a Loyola turnover and led a man-down fastbreak before feeding Griebel for his only goal on the day.

Freshman Kile Fiat put the Tigers ahead for good when he took a pass from Mull, who got past a pair of Loyola defenders with a sharp dodge to give Towson a 6-5 lead with 2:42 remaining.

"On that play, Steve just got past his man, and he was running away from me, but he made a great pass, and it's easy to finish plays like that when he can create those looks," Fiat said.

Towson got on the board first when midfielder Oliver Bacon split two Loyola defenders and managed to maintain possession before sinking a tough, off-balance shot just 40 seconds into the game.

Loyola countered, despite sloppy passing that resulted in six turnovers in the first seven minutes, when sophomore midfielder Andrew Spack converted on a man-up goal at 11:34 of the first quarter. Spack, who returns eight goals and two assists from his freshman season, curled off of a screen and took a cross-field pass from sophomore midfielder Dan Bauers and finished

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Sophomore Brittany Dunn squares for a shot as junior Krystle Harrington looks on.



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Sophomore Dan Bauers puts a shot on Towson's Reed Sothoron in Loyola's 7-5 loss last Saturday.